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Annual Report

OF THE TOWN OF

RYE

NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

1997

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The **ELECTION** portion of the Rye Town Meeting
will be held on **Tuesday, March 10, 1998,** at the
RYE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SAGAMORE ROAD
from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

The **BUSINESS** portion of the Rye Town Meeting
will be held on **SATURDAY,**
March 14, 1998, at the **RYE JUNIOR HIGH**
SCHOOL commencing at **9:00 AM.**

ALL RYE RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO ATTEND.

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DEDICATION
1997 ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF RYE

Like a tradition, volunteerism plays an integral part in the Town of Rye, and often times goes unrecognized. Realizing that no one volunteer or volunteer effort could be singled out as "the best", the Rye Board of Selectmen take great pride in dedicating the 1997 Annual Town Report to **ALL VOLUNTEERS** who serve presently or have served on Town Boards, Committees, Commissions, including those who have served on ad hoc committees addressing specific issues.

Living in today's "fast-paced" world, free time is a shrinking commodity. However, it is quite evident in Rye that residents continue to include volunteering as a priority in their day-to-day schedules.

Dedicating the 1997 Annual Report to all Rye volunteers for their commitment, skills, and exemplary accomplishments is a small, but sincere token of appreciation. Your talents are crucial to our community. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**

CHARLOTTE AND ABBOT B. DRAKE
THE DRAKE HOUSE, RYE, NH

IN MEMORIAM
1895-1998

CHARLOTTE MARY DAVIS was born May 23, 1895 in Manchester, NH. She was a graduate of the Wheelock College Class of 1918. She came to the Drake House, a Victorian Era summer hotel in Rye Beach, to work in 1921.

Charlotte married Abbot B. Drake in 1923. She had two sons, Herbert and Philip. Never having had a driver's license, Charlotte led a busy life. She was active in the Republican Party. Charlotte avidly volunteered her time in preparing "Bundles for Britain" during World War II, sometimes to the point of including family members' favorite articles of clothing. She and Abbot ran the Drake House established in 1872 by Abram Drake. The Drake House is still operating under the fourth generation of Drakes with the fifth generation residing.

Charlotte supported Abbot's efforts in organizing the Rye Beach Precinct established in 1905. She was in effect the "dispatcher" while Abbot served as the Fire Chief for the first Fire Department formed in Rye Beach in 1930, through its incorporation in a townwide volunteer department through 1955. The fire trucks were housed at the Drake House until the current Fire Station was built in 1954. She supported Abbot's serving on the Rye Budget Committee, representing Rye Beach, from the Budget Committee's inception in 1948 through the 1960s. Abbot passed away in 1975 at the age of 86.

The Boston Post Cane was presented to Charlotte at age 98 on December 26, 1992. The Boston Post Cane has also been received by two other immediate family members. Abbot's father, Abram J. Drake held the cane for several years before he died, at age 95 in 1940. Charlotte's mother, who resided at the Drake House for many years, held the cane in the late 1940's.

Charlotte passed away in January, 1998 at the Edgewood Centre, Portsmouth, NH. Charlotte's life mirrored an era distinctive to family devotion and community spirit.

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TOWN OFFICIALS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

	Term Expires
MODERATOR (2-year term)	
Sharon N. DeVries	1998
SELECTMEN (3-year term)	
Norman C. Katner	1998
Joseph G. Mills, Jr.	1999
Melvin R. Low	2000
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR (3-year term)	
Jane E. Ireland	2000
TREASURER (3-year term)	
Barbara J. Flynn	2000
CEMETERY TRUSTEES (3-year term)	
Edward J. Ireland	1998
Roger O. Philbrick	1999
John W. Patrick	2000
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST (6-year term)	
Janet C. Thompson	1998
Norman H. Yeaton	2000
Madeline Chichester	2002
LIBRARY TRUSTEES (3-year term)	
Mark Epply	1998
Brian Klinger	1999
Bettey Tobey	2000
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS (3-year term)	
Brenda J. Semprini	1998
Andrew J. Mahoney	1999
Priscilla Patrick	2000
BUDGET COMMITTEE (3-year term)	
John W. Moynahan	1998
John B. Tobey	1998
Douglas Abrams	1999
Paula Snyder (filled out term of M. Low)	1998
Gary Chapman	2000
Gary B. Dodds	2000
PLANNING BOARD (3-year term)	
James D. Brown	1998
Don Philbrick	1998
Gary B. Dodds	1999
Henry M. Cavaretta	1999
Priscilla Patrick	2000
Robert T. Brown	2000

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (3-year term)

David Wajda	1998
Frank Drake	1999
Betty Menson	1999
Anastas S. Christo	2000
Gregg Mikolaities	2000

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION (3-year term)

Bonnie Goodwin	1998
Eleanor Stewart	1998
Nancy Merriman	1999
Mark Josephs	1999
Elizabeth Wentzell	2000
Robert Brown	2000

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (3-year term)

Robin Hughes	1998
Richard N. Gustavson	1998
Louise Tallman	1999
James Raynes	1999
Debbie Taylor	1998
Richard Baron	2000
Vacancy	

RECREATION COMMISSION (3-year term)

John Provencher	1998
Debra Bergeron	1998
Betsy McBride	1998
James A. Mulvey	1999
Mark Sousa (filled out term of P. Cross)	1999
Robert P. Herold	2000
Vacancy	

MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION (3-year term)

Joseph G. Mills, Jr.	1999
Christopher S. Christo	2000
David Dawley	2000

SEWER COMMISSION (3-year term)

N. Anthony Jackson	1998
Leon Valley	1999
William Ladrie	2000

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT (2-year term)

Jane S. Langley (Rye)	1998
John J. McCarthy (New Castle)	1998

RYE WATER DISTRICT (3-year term)

George W. Moynahan, Jr.	1998
Joseph Kenney	1999
Curt Lovellette	2000

LIBRARIAN
Kathleen Teaze

FIRE CHIEF
Bruce E. Walker

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
Mark N. Zartarian

FOREST FIRE WARDEN
Bruce E. Walker

RECREATION CO-ORDINATOR
Jody Jackson

MUNICIPAL COURT
Gerald F. Giles, Justice
Gerald Taube, Special Justice
Christopher S. Christo, Clerk

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Janet C. Thompson

POLICE CHIEF
Bradley B. Loomis

PUBLIC WORK DIRECTOR
Cornelius "Bud" Moynahan

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE
Patricia Wood

BUILDING INSPECTOR
William R. Jenness

HARBOR MASTER
Leo Axtin

HEALTH OFFICER
Gail A. Snow, M.D.

CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT
Edward J. Ireland

TOWN HALL STAFF
Jeanne Cronin, Selectmen's Secretary

Patricia Cross, Bookkeeper

Joan Dawley, Secretary, Building Inspector - Planning Board

Melia Michaud, Secretary to the Sewer Commission

Walter Parenteau, Clerk of the Works, Sewer Commission

Elizabeth Yeaton, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Therese Zartarian, Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Welcome to our new Board member, Mel Low! It is a pleasure to have him with us.

The Board is pleased to report that we were able to reduce the tax rate for 1997. Following is a list of the various tax rates within the Town of Rye over the last three years.

ACCOUNT	1995	1996	1997	% +/- 96 to 97
Municipal	$ 4.70	$ 4.66	$ 4.09	-12.2%
School	$ 8.93	$ 9.82	$ 9.75	-7%
County	$ 1.62	$ 1.78	$ 1.68	-5.6%
TOTAL	$15.25	$16.26	$15.52	-4.6%
Jenness	$ .50	$ .63	$ .49	-22.2%
Rye Bch.	$ .67	$ .64	$ .64	0
Rye Water	$ .93	$ 1.27	$ 1.30	+2.4%

We are committed to maintaining a low tax rate for the Town. The tax rates are set based on the amounts appropriated for each government unit [municipal, school, county, etc.] and the net assessed valuation. The net assessed valuation of the Town from 1993 through 1997 was:

1993	$503,470,539
1994	$517,732,414
1995	$525,982,514
1996	$522,944,097
1997	$533,049,936

ABATEMENT REQUEST SUMMARY

	TAX YEARS 1995	1996
Total Abatements Heard:	49	28
Total Abatements Granted:	32	19
Total Abatements Denied:	17	9
	49	28
Abatements paid:	$12,135.85	$41,933.70
Abatements-interest paid:	303.13	1,023.94
Total	$12,438.98	$42,957.64

We continue to upgrade our roads and a townwide drainage study has been completed and will be implemented.

The Town has operated the Parsonage Apartments for almost three years since their purchase. We have experienced full occupancy the majority of the time and our costs are more than covered by rental income.

During 1997, the Board arranged to have the Old Parsonage transferred to the Rye Historical Society. The building was located on Olde Parish Road during the week of January 19th.

Renovations to the Town Hall have been completed. The bathrooms have been made handicap accessible and a ramp has been built to provide access to the building.

The Board has instituted a Personnel Policy for Town employees as well as a Loss Prevention Policy.

Every year, we mention recycling! RECYCLING IS MANDATORY IN THE TOWN OF RYE IF YOU UTILIZE THE GROVE ROAD RECYCLING CENTER. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO RECYCLE IF YOU USE A PRIVATE SERVICE! The more we recycle, the lower our taxes will be.

The Board is always seeking volunteers for various Town boards and commissions. We would like to thank all those who have served on these boards and commissions during 1997. If you want to serve, please contact Janet Thompson, AA, at the Town Hall.

The appearance of the Swap Shoppe has changed immensely in the last year thanks to volunteers Ali Snierson and Edie Smith. The Board recognizes and appreciates their continued efforts.

As always, the Board of Selectmen welcomes your input. We meet each Monday evening at 6:30 PM [except on holidays] and would be happy to have you with us. If you want to discuss a specific matter, please call the office [964-5523] by noon on the previous Friday to be placed on the agenda.

Respectfully submitted,
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Joseph G. Mills, Jr., Chairman
Norman C. Katner, Vice Chairman
Melvin R. Low

BUDGET COMMITTEE'S REPORT

At our April meeting, the following officers were elected: John W. Moynahan, Chairman; Gary Chapman, Vice Chairman; and John Squires, Clerk. Also elected was Paula Snyder to fill a vacancy created when Mel Low was elected to the Board of Selectmen.

The Committee met quarterly to review expenditures and to discuss budget items in general. This year, we began the preparation of the 1998 budget in October meeting weekly with the idea of reducing the last minute rush with the various departments and committees. This plan also gave both the committee and the presentors more time to obtain information on various items of concern.

We would like to thank the Selectmen's Office and Janet Thompson, Administrative Assistant; the School Office; Rye Beach Precinct; Jenness Beach Precinct; and the Rye Water District for supplying us with the necessary information to help us do our job.

Our job is to scrutinize all requests for funding and try to present to the taxpayers a justifiable budget that will maintain a level of services to keep the town safe and enjoyable and also be cost effective. We urge the citizens to call members of the committee with any input. We are always available to supply information pertaining to the budget. The Budget Committee members are here to serve you; however, please remember the final decision rests with you, the voter/taxpayer.

Respectfully submitted,
John W. Moynahan
Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund

January 1, 1997 Balance			
Checking Account	$ 227,650.73		
Money Market Investments	201,800.90		
Payroll	1,000.00		
N. H. Public Deposit Pool	2, 874,028.34	$	3,304,479.97
Receipt's			13,170,323.02
Disbursements			(13,972,178.41)
December 31, 1997 Balance			
Checking Account	$ 310,221.70		
Money Market Investments	467,730.45		
Payroll	1,000.00		
N. H. Public Deposit Pool	1,723,672.43	$	2,502,624.58

Conservation Commission

January 1, 1997 Balance	$	34,603.02
Receipts		23,231.44
Disbursements		(42,152.60)
December 31, 1997 Balance	$	15,681.86

Conservation Commission Land Acquisition

January 1, 1997 Balance	$	33,069.24
Receipts		6,794.42
Disbursements		(16,154.99)
December 31, 1997 Balance	$	23,708.67

Forest Fund

January 1, 1997 Balance	$	401.50
Receipts		10.03
Disbursements		-0-
December 31, 1997 Balance	$	411.53

Conservation Commission Escrow

January 1, 1997 Balance	$	8,912.43
Receipts		23.08
Disbursements		(6,750.00)
December 31, 1997 Balance	$	2,185.51

Sewerage Fund

January 1, 1997 Balance	$	44,225.67
Receipts		1,195.38
Disbursements		-0-
December 31, 1997 Balance	$	45,421.05

Sewerage Fund Operating & Maintenance

January 1, 1997 Balance	$	283,104.57
Receipts		
Tax Collector		253,839.34
Treasurer		28,871.44
Town Bond Payment		110,848.34
State Grant		118,329.00
Disbursements		(531,359.08)
December 31, 1997 Balance	$	263,633.61

Sewerage Fund Escrow

January 1, 1997 Balance	$	2,898.77
Receipts		19.52
Disbursements		(1,095.56)
December 31, 1997 Balance	$	1,822.73

Sewerage Fund Escrow, Adams

July 19, 1997 Balance	$	25,084.00
Receipts		673.06
Disbursements		-0-
December 31, 1997 Balance	$	25,757.06

Town of Rye Escrow

January 1, 1997 Balance	$	31,125.11
Receipts		22,600.29
Disbursements		(40,477.78)
December 31, 1997 Balance	$	13,247.62

Town of Rye Victory Lane Escrow

January 1, 1997 Balance	$	26,308.37
Receipts		717.30
Disbursements		(4,006.69)
December 31, 1997 Balance	$	23,018.98

Town of Rye Ferwerda Escrow

October 16, 1997 Balance	$	64,670.00
Receipts		376.59
Disbursements		(2,644.90)
December 31, 1997 Balance	$	62,401.69

Town of Rye Parsonage

January 1, 1997 Balance	$	1,869.36
Receipts		2,119.13
Disbursements		(1,952.47)
December 31, 1997 Balance	$	2,036.02

Town of Rye Recreation

September 18, 1997 Balance	$	122.00
Receipts		3,856.97
Disbursements		(3,645.00)
December 31, 1997 Balance	$	333.97

Town of Rye Excavation Surety

September 24, 1997 Balance	$	700.00
Receipts		2,515.18
Disbursements		-0-
December 31, 1997 Balance	$	3,215.18

Respectively submitted,
Barbara J. Flynn
Treasurer

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
and Monday evenings 6:00 to 8:00 pm

We work diligently in this office, endeavoring always to provide efficient, friendly service. We pride ourselves in keeping accurate and complete records, in compliance with the dictates of the State of New Hampshire's statutes and regulations, an often difficult and time consuming task.

Through our diligence, this year we returned over $7,000 of our 1997 budget to the town. The following page, which shows the summary of receipts from the Town Clerk's Office, totals $794,372.17. That amount is $90,391.63 more than the 1996 total, or an increase of almost 13%. I feel these numbers are indicative of the growth the Town of Rye is experiencing and the increased demands on this office.

At this writing, I'm looking forward to 1998 with some apprehension. The budget submitted to the Selectmen and Budget Committee has been cut significantly. I have reviewed our budget figures many, many times, concluding that in order to stay within the limitations set by the decreased budget, I will be compelled to change the way we currently operate these offices.

At this point I am examining all available options in an effort to find the best way to effectively carry out the duties of my office. The harsh realities seem to leave us with no alternative but to curtail services; an action I will strongly resist and for which I would be genuinely sorry. I hope the citizens of Rye will understand the difficulty of these decisions, and that I will certainly attempt to offer the best service I can within the limits of the funding provided.

The people of Rye have come to expect a high degree of competency and efficiency from their Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office. We have always provided it in the past and we pledge to do the very best we can to continue to serve our community as expected and deserved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Ireland
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

1997 SUMMARY

Motor Vehicle Registrations	
Permits	$ 756,506.00
Title Fees	2,410.00
Municipal Agent Fees	15,192.50
Total Motor Vehicles	**$ 774,108.50**
Dog Licenses	**$ 4,933.50**
Miscellaneous:	
UCC Filings	$ 2,427.17
Marriage Licenses	2,475.00
Certified Copies	1,760.00
Filing Fees	5.00
Dredge and Fill Permits	324.00
Civil Forfeitures	425.00
Town Seal	51.00
Recount	10.00
Articles of Agreement	15.00
List of Licensed Dogs	25.00
Tax Lien List	18.00
Voter Checklists	50.00
Beach Permits	7,745.00
Total Miscellaneous	**$ 15,330.17**
Remitted to Treasurer	**$ 794,372.17**

VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS
TOWN OF RYE

YEAR	AMOUNT	YEAR	AMOUNT
1949	$ 6,160.23	1973	70,939.28
1950	7,513.89	1974	66,910.56
1951	8,655.21	1975	70,495.89
1952	9,128.64	1976 **	102,363.35
1953	11,749.69	1977	106,677.00
1954	13,779.24	1978	123,654.00
1955	16,536.59	1979	132,409.00
1956	18,140.93	1980	136,890.50
1957	19,191.26	1981	156,802.00
1958	19,847.15	1982	190,754.50
1959	22,128.56	1983	240,230.50
1960	25,074.65	1984	294,179.00
1961	27,554.60	1985	354,405.00
1962	26,708.00	1986	408,658.00
1963	29,264.67	1987	465,306.00
1964	30,385.16	1988	480,264.00
1965	34,581.30	1989	482,145.00
1966	36,958.60	1990	475,773.00
1967	39,182.36	1991	457,560.00
1968	44,551.14	1992	465,206.00
1969	50,120.82	1993	497,884.00
1970	52,707.81	1994	559,174.00
1971	56,238.90	1995	607,693.00
1972	64,685.74	1996	691,907.50
		1997	774,108.50

** Initiation of staggered registration system; double registration during September through December.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF RYE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1997

DEBITS	Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES-BEG. OF YEAR* :	1997	1996	1995	1992
Property Taxes		690,170.04	-0-	-0-
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Utilities				
INVENTORY PENALTIES		1,892.71		
TAXES COMMITTED-THIS YEAR:				
Property Taxes #3110	8,741,091.66			
Resident Taxes #3180				
Land Use Change #3120	11,565.00			
Yield Taxes #3185	168.47			
Utilities #3189				
INVENTORY PENALTIES	12,442.24			
OVERPAYMENT:				
Property Taxes	5,647.09	26,465.88	2,737.96	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change	1,058.00	25,150.00		
Yield Taxes				
Interest Collected on Delinquent Tax #3190	742.29	29,418.17		
Collected Resident Tax Penalties #3190				
TOTAL DEBITS	$8,772,714.75	$ 773,096.80	$ 2,737.96	$ -0-

* This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF RYE YEAR ENDING 12/31/97

CREDITS	Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
REMITTED TO TREASURER:	1997	1996	1995	
Property Taxes	8,105,504.20	657,236.38		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change	11,565.00			
Yield Taxes	168.47			
Utilities				
Interest	742.29	29,418.17		
Penalties	10,034.17	1,758.04		
Conversion to Lien				
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED:				
ABATEMENTS MADE:				
Property Taxes	1,358.65	59,534.21	2,737.96	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change	1,058.00	25,150.00		
Yield Taxes				
Utilities				
Current Levy Deeded				
UNCOLLECTED TAXES-END OF YEAR: #1080				
Property Taxes	639,875.90	0	0	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Utilities				
INVENTORY PENALTIES	2,408.07			
TOTAL CREDITS	$8,772,714.75	$ 773,096.80	$2,737.96	$

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF RYE YEAR ENDING 12/31/97

DEBITS	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years) 1996	1995	1992
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Yr.		193,509.58	70,762.71	125.17
Liens Executed During Fiscal Yr.	204,222.17			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	8,197.32	10,990.21	12,224.76	353.75
TOTAL DEBITS	$ 212,419.49	$204,499.79	$82,987.47	$ 478.92

REMITTED TO TREASURER:	Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
Redemptions	95,545.26	51,494.86	36,695.41	125.17
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	7,490.39	10,095.97	12,209.76	353.75
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes				
Liens Deeded To Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Yr. #1110	109,383.84	142,908.96	34,082.30	0
TOTAL CREDITS	$ 212,419.49	$204,499.79	$82,987.47	$ 478.92

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? NO

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Jane E. Blend DATE: 1/9/98

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF Rye (Sewer Only) YEAR ENDING Dec. 31, 1997

DEBITS	Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES-BEG. OF YEAR* :	1997	1996	1995	
Property Taxes				
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Utilities		21,420.16		
TAXES COMMITTED-THIS YEAR:				
Property Taxes #3110				
Resident Taxes #3180				
Land Use Change #3120				
Yield Taxes #3185				
Utilities #3189	244,095.00			
OVERPAYMENT:				
Property Taxes				
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Sewer	180.76			
Interest Collected on Delinquent Tax #3190	277.09	1,329.41		
Collected Resident Tax Penalties #3190				
TOTAL DEBITS	$244,552.85	$ 22,749.57	$ -0-	$ -0-

* This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF Rye (Sewer Only) YEAR ENDING 12/31/97

CREDITS	Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
REMITTED TO TREASURER:				
Property Taxes				
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Utilities	230,631.92	21,420.16		
Interest	277.09	1,329.41		
Penalties				
Conversion to Lien				
Overpayments/Refunds	180.76			
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED:				
ABATEMENTS MADE:				
Property Taxes				
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Utilities	249.20			
Current Levy Deeded				
UNCOLLECTED TAXES-END OF YEAR: #1080				
Property Taxes				
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Utilities	13,213.88			
TOTAL CREDITS	$244,552.85	$ 22,749.57	$	$

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

This has been a very challenging year. We had a portable radio and vehicle shortage this summer. As of this writing, both problems have been rectified, but it made for a difficult summer and put our officers in situations that were not acceptable from a safety and liability standpoint.

We also had a personnel shortage as it seems someone was sick, injured or leaving from June through the present. We did have two full time officers leave, Sergeant Sousa to return to Florida accepting a position in the private industry, and Officer Brian Dejoy who accepted a law enforcement position with a federal agency. We have hired Officer Mark Webster who is in the academy at this time and are in the process of hiring another police officer.

ACTIVITY

540	aid other agencies	192	aid citizens
144	accidents	225	animal 11 summons
2	assaults	257	alarms
19	burglaries	49	criminal mischief
2	criminal threatening	12	criminal trespass
20	bad checks	4	deaths
44	domestics	15	harassment
18	indecent exposure	4	juvenile abuse/neglect
28	juvenile chins	6	juvenile delinquent
422	motor vehicle summons	1,897	motor vehicle warnings
423	other calls for service	21	protective custody
2	stalking	2	shoplifting
164	suspicious activity	102	thefts

ARRESTS

35	alcohol related	4	burglary
11	assault (10 domestic related)	1	bad checks
1	criminal mischief	6	criminal trespass (1 domestic related)
1	disorderly conduct	3	conduct after an accident
2	disobeying officer	17	drugs
14	DWI	3	habitual offenders
43	operating after suspension	2	reckless driving
2	thefts	6	warrants

Respectfully submitted,
Bradley B. Loomis
Chief of Police

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The Fire & EMS Department responded to a total of 651 calls this year. The department experienced several minor fires this year, but again quick action and response by the department kept these fires minor in nature. Again I strongly feel that this is due to our effective and efficient Fire Inspection, Fire Prevention and Training programs. The Fire Prevention Officer spent numerous hours in the Schools and Day Care Centers again this year, teaching fire safety.

Both the Fire and EMS departments continue to train on a monthly basis to keep their skills up in there respective fields. The Fire Department has 30 members, 27 of which are Certified Firefighters, the EMS Division consists of 3 Paramedics, 5 Intermediates and 15 EMT Basics.

In 1998 we hope to do renovations to the Fire Station allowing us to gain some more space and be able to get all the apparatus under cover.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES LAST 5 YEARS

ACTIVITY	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
Alarm activations	62	38	49	49	46
Structure fires	4	5	5	1	5
Chimney fires	4	3	2	2	5
Water problems	4	51	3	10	19
Unauthorized burns	7	13	12	6	8
Investigations	59	71	45	32	44
Oil burners	11	10	9	5	3
Police assist	10	4	22	24	20
Haz-mat	7	5	2	5	5
Brush and grass	2	6	7	6	7
Electrical	31	24	40	13	12
M/V fires	3	2	7	2	2
M/V accidents	33	20	10	13	24
Public assist	11	8	11	26	40
Fuel spills	9	12	8	10	11
Lock-out/ins	11	2	9	10	11
Ambulance assist	20	20	20	10	13
Ambulance calls	325	279	271	269	230
Mutual Aid given Fire	24	13	7	12	5
Mut. Aid received Fire	1	3	3	3	4
Mut. Aid given Amb	14	12	21	5	0
Mut. Aid received Amb	17	12	19	9	0
TOTALS	**651**	**598**	**560**	**510**	**510**

In closing I would like to thank all the Officers and Members of the Department and all the Town Boards and Residents for their help and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce E. Walker
Fire Chief

RYE FIRE DEPARTMENT
1997 TRAINING SESSIONS

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

The Town of Rye was fortunate again in 1997 experiencing very minor problems with brush fires. The fire department only responded to 2 brush fires and 7 unauthorized burns. Over 500 brush permits were issued to the residents during the year.

A reminder from the fire department that a permit is required for any outside type fire. If any resident has a question, feel free to contact the department.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce E. Walker
Forest Fire Warden

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1997 was a relatively quiet year for Rye's Emergency Management Department. There were no major incidents requiring us to open our emergency operating center. We did call on the Red Cross for assistance in help relocate a family after a pine tree destroyed their residence.

Training during the year was performed department by department with one joint training on radiological monitoring. By the time you read this report, we will be deep into training in the areas of but not limited to; traffic control management, siren activation, operations of an emergency operating center, news media relations. Additional training was held in the area of hurricane relief/management. This training was held at the National Hurricane Center, Miami, Florida under a FEMA grant.

Rye was approved for $2,700 in grants. This money was utilized to purchase and install a new base radio in the Fire Department's dispatch center, and two new portable radios for use by the Police Department. In addition, we have been approved under the Emergency Management Assistance Program for an operating grant of $6,350.

Looking ahead into 1998, we have three scheduled Emergency Reponse Preparedness Exercises, the third being a graded exercise by FEMA in June.

Emergency management is a "team" effort with all Town Departments working as one. We take the expertise of all departments to better serve and protect our neighbors.

Thanks to all departments and personnel for their many hours of time spent for training and serving in actual town emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark N. Zartarian
Director

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In 1997, the Rye Highway Department reclaimed, rebuilt, and repaved the roads listed below:

1. Washington Road - Rye Center to house #366 including the Fire Station ramp Cost $91,712
2. Liberty Common - Wallis Road to Crossover #2 Cost $49,673
3. Frontier, Oral, and Foyes - Sagamore Road to end Cost $17,986
4. Random Road - Replace hammerhead turnaround w/cul-de-sac Cost $5,345

The Streets listed below were shimmed and overlayed with new pavement:

1. West Road - Washington Road to South Road Cost $24,915
2. Harbor Road/Mill Lane - all east of Rt. 1A Cost $11,171
3. Love Lane - Central Road to culvert Cost $5,171

Drainage projects completed in 1997 include the following:

1. Frontier, Oral and Foyes - all new underdrain/surface system from Sagamore Road to end.
2. Washington Road - all new underdrain/surface system from Rye Center to Wallis Road.
3. Random Road - all new underdrain/surface system at new cul-de-sac.

Design work is in progress on areas that have been listed on Drainage Master Plan.

A 24 foot wide by 48 foot long concrete box culvert was installed on Wallis Road for the Rye Conservation Commission as part of the Marsh Restoration Project.

Due to a relatively mild winter, the Highway only used 1954 tons of salt/sand.

The Rye Recycle Center transported 863 tons of solid waste to Turnkey Landfill in 1997 compared to 914 tons in 1996. A total of 496 tons were processed and recycled compared to 467 tons in 1996. A total of $32,028 was deposited from recycle/demolition materials/ scrap metals income.

Respectfully submitted,
Cornelius Moynahan
Public Works Director

LIFEGUARD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The year 1997 was a year of transition. Ken Fox, who resigned during the winter of 1996/97, had been Rye Beach Commissioner for the past 15 years. The Board of Selectmen formed a committee to find a replacement and asked me to place an application. I am a former Athletic Director and Physical Education Department Chair for the Rye School District. I have had experience as both a lifeguard and supervisor of lifeguards having been a lifeguard at both the North Hampton and Hampton Beaches and Head Lifeguard at Wallis Sands State Beach as well as the Pool Manager at Wentworth by the Sea. In May, the Selectmen hired me as Lifeguard Supervisor.

The summer of 1997 was one of the sunniest and hottest summers on the seacoast. We had ten weekends of sun and record crowds on the beaches. With the numbers of residents and tourists came minor problems, a number of children were lost and quickly found, this usually at Pirate's Cove area. A procedure was in place to enhance the location process. The resurgence of the popularity of surfing necessitates a revision of the outdated ordinance [1967].

The lifeguards who were hired were from N.H., N.J., MA., Hawaii, most of whom were enrolled in the New Hampshire State College System at U.N.H. or Plymouth. The Plymouth State College Swimming and Diving Coach was most helpful for the recruiting of lifeguards.

This year the lifeguards had daily workouts of running, swimming or rescue board training. They met with Rye Police Chief Brad Loomis to go over his procedures for action on the beaches. Lifeguards also met with Fire Chief Bruce Walker and Firefighter Lee Blaisdell and the rescue vehicle was available to show the guards the capabilities and location of materials on the ambulance in case there was a need for them to assist the rescue squad. The response time to the beach was outstanding by both the Fire and Police. Lifeguards may only recommend action whereas the Police and Fire Departments enforce ordinances.

The lifeguards were involved in three water rescues, one of which involved assisting a person fishing who was stranded on the rocks by the tide. The Odiorne State Park Manager requested our assistance because the Coast Guard could not get close enough to the rocks. With no major storms, the surf was normal this season.

The advent of people fishing on the bathing beaches may be a problem in the future, but at this juncture, the fishermen are in agreement not to fish during peak bathing hours. Each of the beaches had beach toys [donated] for children and were located at the lifeguard chairs. Mothers who came to the beaches really appreciated the toys and many donated more to the bin.

The 1997 summer was warm, sunny and safe at Town of Rye beaches.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Marsh, Supervisor of Lifeguards

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

A summary of the activity of my department for 1997 reveals the following statistics:

Permits issues during 1997 totaled 266.
Of this number, 31 were for new homes
5 were for commercial buildings:
Wentworth Maintenance Building
Wentworth Pool House
Wentworth Warming Hut & Paddle Tennis Courts
Learning Skills Academy
Abenaqui Country Club Maintenance Building

Total resulting from permit fees: $61,518.00
Potential value upon completion: $12,213,455.00

Building fees for 1997 were up $17,354 over 1996 making last year the busiest on record by far. Hand in hand with the permitted construction is the work associated with planning and development which has impacted the Planning Board as well. Requirements of both building and planning are served through my office, but, despite the burgeoning work load, staff [building inspector and assistant] has been held to 32 paid hours per week each. As a result, we have been overwhelmed.

Many new homes and renovations are more than triple the minimum square footage and include increasingly complex framing, plumbing and electrical wiring. Often built in phases, these structures require additional inspections beyond the average of eight.

The Building Inspector is responsible for adherence to all codes. Given the current work load, I must place top priority on construction related to life safety issues. I take pride in the fact that we have had no fires resulting from either faulty electrical installation or incorrect chimney construction during my tenure. Framing also has a spotless safety record.

When an unlicensed electrician is found on the job, he or she is removed immediately and the electrical contractor notified. We average approximately twelve such incidents each year. When other safety problems are discovered, the responsible party is notified to make correction. All such situations require follow up on my part.

1997 saw the scheduled completion of the 6.5 million dollar renovating/addition projects at our schools. I issued the Certificates of Occupancy in August in time for the opening of the school year. The town has enhanced each facility with construction of high quality that will serve out community well for many years. Despite the size and complexity of these projects, the work went smoothly due to the planning and dedication of many people.

Cooperation among SAU administrators, School Board members, Town

officials and those responsible for construction brought these projects to a successful and timely conclusion. On site daily at one or both projects, I wish to specifically thank George Cushing, Principal of the Junior High, and Lee Ingraham, Rye Elementary School Principal, for their accessibility and cooperation throughout this process.

Since completion of the school projects in August, five large new homes have been started within the Wentworth project plus two new homes and an extensive renovation on the former Friary property, and three new starts at Stoneridge off Sagamore. Many other building projects are scattered throughout the town.

Effective July 1, 1997, Driveway Permits will no longer be issued by the Building Inspecter. They will be issued by the Public Works Director, Bud Moynahan, at the Highway Department located on Grove Road. A twenty-five dollar ($25) fee is required for each permit.

In closing, I wish to recognize Mark Hilbeth, State Electrical Inspector, for sharing his expertise, Jack Squires, my deputy, for his cooperation and availability on short notice and Joan Dawley, my assistant, for her efforts to stay abreast of the hectic daily activity.

Respectfully submitted,
William R. Jenness
Building Inspector

MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION'S REPORT

As you are aware, mosquitos develop in wetland habitats. Mosquitos need water for survival and shallow wetland areas, [less than eighteen inches deep] and stagnant waters are prime breeding areas. The Town of Rye has a flat topography which is conducive to mosquito development. Shallow water wetland areas, such as Red Maple swamps, woodland pools and saltmarshes are very common and these types of wetlands are capable of producing tremendous mosquito populations.

The 1997 season had unusually dry conditions and the Red Maple swamps were extremely shallow in the Spring, due to the lack of snowfall and rainfall. The dry conditions and the Mosquito Larviciding Program [bacterium applications] resulted in an extremely low freshwater adult mosquito population.

Even with low water conditions, the saltmarshes develop mosquitos in the summer months. Rye has approximately 930 acres of saltmarsh and these areas were monitored for mosquito development between April and September. Larviciding reduced mosquito populations and prevented large scale adult mosquito infestations.

The minnow [Mummichog] trapping and release program was continued during the 1997 season and based on a monitoring program, this operation shows great potential for helping to control saltmarsh mosquito development. The commission plans to continue with this project in 1998.

In 1997, the commission applied for and received a National Estuaries Program [EPA] grant for a saltmarsh restoration project. This project will restore fish and wildlife habitat on a degraded saltmarsh. The Fairhill Saltmarsh, near Odiorne State Park, was chosen for restoration, as the marsh is under attack from invasive plants, has a poor fish [minnow] habitat and is a prolific mosquito breeding area. This project will utilize a low ground pressure wetland excavator, which will not cause damage to the marsh surface areas. Work is planned to commence in February, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,
David Dawley
Chairman

RECREATION COMMISSION'S REPORT

The Recreation Commission started the year with two goals in mind, growth and communication.

In the area of growth, we continued to offer existing programs and added 19 new programs in 1997. Over the last three years we have averaged a yearly increase in revenue greater than 75%. We intend to offer more programs to Preschoolers, Junior High students and adults in the coming year as our primary focus to date has been elementary aged children.

The Recreation Commission opened up communications between themselves and the Elementary and Junior High Schools, the SAU 50 Superintendent's Office as well as the School Board and the Community Adult Education Committee, the Rye Women's Association, the Historic and Conservation Commissions, the Fire, Police and Highway Departments. We have received support and guidance from departments of the town government including the Selectmen and Budget Committee members.

In addition to continuing to offer quality programs, the Recreation Department accomplished the following in 1997:

With the approval at the Town Meeting in March of Article 9, to begin to investigate, design and construct a new all purpose field within 5 years, we started a Field Committee to research the best possible area to put a new field. Engineering and design services are generously being donated to the town.

The Recreation Commission organized a clean-up day at the Recreation Area. Over 30 community members donated their time and energy to rake, dig up old cement pilings, build a new sandbox, tear down a wire cage and clean up dead wood and clear brush. A new snack shack was open opened in September in time for Fall Soccer.

A Sponsorship Program was started to enhance youth athletics.

With only one gymnasium in town and twelve teams to accommodate, the Commission worked with New Castle which allowed us to use their facilities during the week while our schools were being renovated.

A contract between the Recreation Department and the Junior High School was signed which allowed us access to the school on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the basketball season.

Food from the annual Turkey Shoot, a basketball free throw shooting contest, was donated to an area shelter.

The Commission donated two adjustable basketball hoops to the Elementary School to use on their playground while they plan a new one.

Toys were collected and donated to a Safe Place before the holiday season.

As you can see, the Recreation Department has so many people in town to thank for their willingness to help the community as a whole.

Our goal for 1998 is to continue to work together to offer Rye more services, continue to build relationships and develop a more efficient method of reaching all residents. We hope to establish a mailing list this year and plan to send out information on a quarterly basis.

Here is a summary of a few of our programs from 1997:

140 children played Spring Soccer, 310 attended our Summer Youth Program, 23 learned to play golf while 44 were on the tennis courts, 225 kicked the soccer ball around in the fall, 125 children played basketball and 25 adults played basketball on Sunday mornings. We had children swimming and offered an open swim day with their parents and siblings, Karate was a big kick, Soccer Clinics enhanced skills, and Art and Craft classes were enjoyed by all. An estimate of 1000 residents enjoyed Jack Tobey's fireworks display on the 4th of July.

All of the programs and events were organized through the tireless efforts and creativity of the Recreation Co-Ordinator, Jody Jackson, and the countless hours of volunteer services by Recreation Commissioners Betsy McBride, James Mulvey, Robert Herold, John Provencher as well as past Commissioners, David VanRossum and Patricia Cross. The involvement of the community has been outstanding and none of our programs could succeed without your support. Thank you all for your encouragement and continued enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Bergeron
Chairman

The Recreation office is located in the Town Hall, 10 Central Road, and you may reach us by calling 964-6281.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In 1997, library patrons wanting leisure reading, information for school projects, investment information and access to the Internet were served in greater numbers than ever. By providing readers' advisory services, database searching and help in navigating the Internet, our very competent staff was able to satisfy nearly every request. Books and other materials were circulated in record numbers again---more than 17 items per resident of Rye.

Items Checked Out	78,507
Titles Added	3,166
Titles Deleted	3,338
Interlibrary Loan	1,206
Number of Cardholders	3,799
Cardholders added	586

Children's Storytimes were held in 70 sessions during the year serving 580 children. Two hundred and twenty children [220] enrolled in our summer reading program, "Take us to your Reader." By signing up they became Cadet Readers and agreed to read or be read to for at least fifteen minutes every day. The total amount of time spent reading topped 48,000 minutes! Summer readers were also eligible to attend the many different programs taking place at the library. Programs for the younger set included day and night time storytimes, and Drop-In, Make-It, Take-It Tuesdays. For the older Cadet Readers, the following presentations were offered: the Audubon Society's Alien or Neighbor; Storyteller Pam Beliveau's Tales from the Planet Earth; UFO expert Peter Geremiah's slide presentation UFO-Fact or Fiction; Science Fiction store **Jumpgate's** owner, Hector Diaz's From SciFi to Reality. A total of 26 programs occurred over the summer. An end-of-the-Reading Program celebration took the form of an Alien Costume Party. Everything from a satellite dish to Spider man to little blue people attended.

In addition to the summer reading program, we also had a student volunteer program. Students in grades 4 and up volunteered their time by helping out at events, and doing other library tasks during the summer. Their help was much appreciated.

As always, we are grateful for all of our community support and encouragement. Our Friends of the Library group held a very successful Book and Bake Sale in July. Special thanks to the Rye Driftwood Garden Club for keeping our window boxes looking beautiful, to the Rye Art Study Group, and the Rye Lions Club for their continued support, and to RSVP, which provides our faithful volunteers, Marjorie Little and Irene Maskwa. Thanks also to new volunteers, Julie Mulloy, Mary Quayle-Lang and Claudia Hackett, whose quiet and dedicated service are of immense help.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen A. Teaze
Library Director

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

This past year has been very eventful for the Rye Public Library. Early in 1997, the Library Development Program, which started in 1995, reached its goal of raising $500,000 through private donations for the long awaited addition to the Rye Library. During the March Town Meeting, Trustee Brian Klinger gave a very compelling slide presentation on the successful fund raising effort and requested that the Town support a $700,000 bond article which would allow the construction of the Library addition to begin. This article was overwhelmingly supported by the citizens of Rye.

Last summer the architectural drawings for the Library addition were completed and contract documents were prepared. In September, the contract went out to bid. On September 25th bids from five contractors were opened at the Library. In spite of efforts to keep the Library addition costs within the range of available funds, the lowest contractor bid exceeded expectations by approximately $150,000. The Trustees and the Library Building Committee spent much of last fall working with the architect and the low bid contractor to reduce the cost of the project. Many meetings were held to discuss the various alternatives, but it was apparent that the project, as originally designed would have to be severely compromised unless additional funds could be raised. In November, the Building Committee and the Trustees agreed to sign a contract with the low bid contractor, Glen Builders, for a scaled down project with the agreement that Glen Builders would perform the full project if more funds became available.

This spring, a warrant article for $250,000 will be presented to the Town for the Library addition. If successful, this article will provide the additional $150,000 needed for the construction of the full project as originally designed and will provide $100,000 to purchase furniture for the building addition. While some site work has already begun, the major construction will begin this spring and will be completed next fall.

Respectively submitted
Mark C. Epply
Chairman, Rye Library Trustees

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

As 1997 ends, the ink is drying on the long awaited Master Plan draft; zoning amendments are being considered and there is a long list of approved plans.

Subdivisions were approved for Moynahan at 525 South Road, Moriarty at 70 Clark Road; Hamsley on Geremia Street Extension; Boutilier, South Road in Rye and North Hampton; Paterson, 161 Wallis Road; Brown, 143 Love Lane; Goode, 239 Wallis Road; and Porter on Winslow Way. This resulted in a net increase of 12 lots (a two lot subdivision is counted as one new lot): one new street off Washington Road, Winslow Way; and one street extension, Geremia.

Site plans were reviewed for Bethany Church (not pursued), Rye Library addition, 25 Sagamore Road (health food store), 2197 Ocean Boulevard (restaurant), 681 Wallis Road (professional offices), 1247 Washington Road (Learning Skills Academy), Platform Tennis Court at the Wentworth Golf Course and parking and landscaping changes for Rye Place at 150 Lafayette Road.

There were eight lot line adjustment plans approved, miscellaneous conceptual proposals, lot mergers and unmergers.

Plans for 1998 include revisions to the land development regulations. The Board will also work on a Capital Improvements Plan which is necessary to identify future needs and retain our Growth Control Ordinance.

Thanks to all who helped make this a very productive year. Special thanks to retiring Jim Brown for his dedication to the Planning Board over the past 14 years!

Respectfully submitted,
Don Philbrick
Chairman

Henry M. Cavaretta, Chairman
Robert T. Brown, Clerk
Melvin R. Low, Selectmen's Rep
James D. Brown
Priscilla Patrick
Gary B. Dodds

Judith Sponaugle, Alternate
William J. Roach, III, Alternate
Donald F. Stearns, Alternate
Robert T. Papp, Alternate
G. Bradley Richards, Alternate
M. Donovan, Esquire, Consultant

Joan Dawley, Zoning and Planning Administrator
Jo Catalino, Recording Secretary

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Board of Adjustment consists of five [5] Selectmen appointed members: Chairman David Wajda; Vice Chairman Frank Drake; Clerk Anastas S. Christo; Gregg Mikolaities and Betty Menson. The alternates are Glen Trefethen and Michael Cavaretta. Alternate positions available. See Selectmen.

The duties and powers of the Board are prescribed by NH State Law and delineated in the Rye Zoning Ordinance. Mostly, the Board hears three [3] types of appeals:

VARIANCES: to authorize upon appeal, in specific cases, variances from the terms of the ordinance provided that all five of these conditions can be met:

1. The variance can be granted without diminishing the value of abutting property;
2. Granting the variance will be of benefit to the public interest;
3. Denial of variance will result in unnecessary hardship to the owner because of unique features of the land;
4. Granting the variance will do substantial justice;
5. The variance can be granted without violating the spirit of the ordinance.

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS: to decide special exceptions to the ordinance which are specially delineated in the ordinance. The granting of a special exception is a matter of right, not a privilege provided that: the request is not injurious or detrimental to the neighborhood; is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the ordinance and; meets all the rules and requirements for that exception.

APPEALS: to hear appeals from administrative decisions where it is alleged that the Zoning Administrator [Building Inspector] has incorrectly applied terms of the ordinance.

The Board heard 49 petitions in 1997 as follows:

	Granted	Denied	Withdrawn
Variances = 38	16	9	13
Special Exceptions = 6	5	1	
Appeals = 5	2	3	

The power to grant appeals is treated with respect and with the knowledge that the task of the BOA is to correct inequities and not to create them.

The BOA had a 1997 budget appropriation of $4,699 and expended $4,841. It had revenues of approximately $4,000.

The members of the Board have consistently demonstrated a very

professional attitude in determining the merits of all the petitions that have been presented to them. I thank them for their fine cooperation.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Joan Dawley and Bill Jenness for their fine support and cooperation

Terry Zartarian, our most capable secretary, continues to faithfully fulfill the many responsibilities delegated to her. I am truly grateful for her expertise and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,
Anastas S. Christo
Clerk

CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S REPORT

In 1997 the number of wetland applications that require conservation site inspections with owners and engineers has increased to 33, and the Conservation Commission has made progress in maintaining our desire to have minimum impact in wetland buffer zones. The developers on Wallis Road and Washington Road each agreed to conservation management plans on the property to be developed that will affect nearly forty acres.

Conservation Commission members participated in a public hearing at the Wetland Board concerning wetland filling violation. Three additional complaint forms were filed.

The Conservation Commission mission statement is

> The Rye Conservation Commission is committed to the protection and proper utilization of Rye's natural resources. The commission will serve as gatekeeper for environmental concerns in the town of Rye and act as advisors to other municipal boards. The Commission will be a resource for information about Rye's natural resources and environmental welfare.

The Conservation Commission and the New Hampshire Coastal Program are completing another matching grant salt marsh restoration project to replace a failed culvert and open a marsh channel at Marsh Road, culvert replacement and relocating the brook channel at Wallis Road, removal of spoils at the old road crossing in Wallis Marsh, installation of a retaining wall along Parsons Creek and open marsh farmers ditches to reduce the growth of phragmites on Wallis Marsh. This is the first time that Federal Reserve Funds have been made available through the Wetland Reserve Program. The Rye Public Works Director and Sue Hoey, District Conservationist for USDA helped plan and supervise this $204,000.00 project. This will increase the total salt marsh restoration in the town of Rye to over two hundred and fifty acres during the past four years. In 1998 the Rye Conservation Commission will be making application to the NH Coastal Program to work in conjunction with the Federal Reserve Program to restore over 75 acres of salt marsh at Berry's Brook, Wallis Sands State Beach, Rye Harbor and Harbor Road.

During 1997 an important acquisition by the Rye Conservation Commission was the purchase of a 16 acre parcel of land adjacent to Route 1A and Odiorne State Park, which includes two islands and the ponds near Route 1A.

In July the NH Coastal Program nominated the Town of Rye, in particular the Conservation Commission, to receive the Excellence in Local Government Award. We were not aware that we had won until notification in October. The following is reprinted from "Tidelines":

> "The Town of Rye, New Hampshire has been selected as the

recipient of the **Excellence in Local Government Award** in this year's Walter B. Jones Memorial Awards. In 1990, the late Congressman Walter B. Jones, Former Chairman of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, under the reauthorization of the Coastal Zone Management Act, granted NOAA [the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration] the authority to honor American people and organizations who dedicate countless hours and energy to preserving coastal and ocean resources. NOAA selected the winners of its ten awards from a nationwide pool of 86 nominations. The Rye Conservation Commission accepted the award at the ceremony in Washington, DC on October 22.

"The **Excellence in Local Government Award** recognizes communities that show exemplary leadership, innovation, and accomplishment in coastal resource management. The New Hampshire Coastal Program nominated Rye for this award because of their impressive achievements in saltmarsh restoration.

"Rye has worked cooperatively with the Coastal Program on four saltmarsh restoration projects, impacting 240 acres of saltmarsh. In addition, Rye has worked with a number of partners on additional restoration work, including US Fish and Wildlife, NRCS, EPA, the New Hampshire Estuaries Projects, and private business.

"Rye's town government, and in particular the Conservation Commission, have translated the citizens' vision of healthy saltmarshes as being good for the community into action. The Town is well on its way to restoring the majority of its historic saltmarsh areas. In addition, Rye has educated many groups about the processes and importance of saltmarsh restoration.

"The Town of Rye clearly demonstrates excellence at the local government level in achieving the goals of the Coastal Zone Management Act. Congratulations Rye."

The Rye Conservation Commission was honored to receive this award for the Town of Rye. This was accomplished by the dedication and hard work of all members of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
James S. Raynes
Chairman

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION'S REPORT

Fostering civic beauty, preserving the history of the Town of Rye, and strengthening the local economy through enhanced property values are the missions of the Historic District Commission. These missions add to the pleasure, education, and welfare of all Rye citizens.

The Commission is committed to:

- -Promoting the preservation and maintenance of the properties within the Historic District
- -Insuring that new construction and alterations are in harmony with the District
- -Reviewing use changes of land or buildings within the District
- -Encouraging beautification within the District

1997 saw applications in the HDC at a rate of one per month from individual owners, the Town of Rye, and organizations within the District. The application of most public interest was from the Bethany Congregational Christian Church for a major expansion of their facilities and their parking area to respond to the continued growth of attendance. The issues were discussed exhaustively both before the HDC and in extensive hearings before several Town boards. The issue, from the perspective of the HDC, finally resolved down to evaluating the impact on the Historic District of a single facility which would be on a far larger scale than any other in the District. The Historic District regretfully found that the District would suffer irreparable damage from the building of a structure which was on a scale so far larger than any other.

The second most extensive project involving the Commission was the support of the Rye Library Board of Trustees on the plan for the Library expansion which was submitted. At year end this plan is no longer in place due to project costs overrunning original estimates. The Commission will work with the Library Trustees in 1998 in their development of a modified plan which will meet the needs of the people using the Library while protecting the Historic District.

In addition to handling specific applications, the Commission has and will continue to focus on Parsons Field and on assisting individual property owners and businesses with beautification within the District. During 1997 the Commission was pleased to support the continued planting of flowers throughout the District by the Rye Driftwood Garden Club. In 1997 we were also pleased that the people voted to strengthen the zoning ordinance regarding signs in the District.

The Rye Historic District Commission provides a valuable service as a forum for public comment on each project. Experience in 1997 demonstrates that it is especially helpful to property owners to review projects with the Commission from the early stages, when changes are easiest. This also facilitates communication between

applicants and abutters. All property owners and Rye Town officials are urge to attend any or all Commission meetings. Public comment and suggestions are welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert T. Brown
Chairman

RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

To the Citizens of Rye.....

The Rye Historical Society would like you to know how grateful we are to you, our friends and neighbors, for making the 1738 Parsonage available to use as a museum. We are especially grateful to the Board of Selectmen and Chairman Joe Mills for believing in this project, and to Bud Moynahan, Public Works Director, and his Highway Department for all their help along the way.

The Parsonage has been moved to its new location as part of the Library complex and the work has just begun! This will be the Rye Town Museum --- your Museum, your history. We hope you will join us in this endeavor, check on our progress, and visit whenever you can. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,
Rye Historical Society

RYE TOWN MUSEUM

Ralph Morang Photography

TOWN OF RYE
NEW HAMPSHIRE

1998
WARRANT

1998
BUDGET

1997
AUDITOR'S REPORT

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Rye, in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs

You are hereby notified to meet at the Rye Elementary School in said Rye on **Tuesday**, the 10th day of March 1998, next at **eight o'clock** in the forenoon until **seven o'clock** in the evening to vote on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose one (1) **Town Moderator** for two (2) years, one (1) **Selectman** for three (3) years, one (1) **Sewer Commissioner** for three (3) years, one (1) **Cemetery Trustee** for three (3) years, one (1) **Library Trustee** for three (3) years, one (1) **Trustee of the Trust Funds** for three (3) years, one (1) **Supervisor of the Checklist** for six (6) years, one (1) **Budget Committee Member** for one (1) year, two **Budget Committee Members** for three (3) years, and two (2) **Planning Board Members** for three (3) years.

ARTICLE 2. To choose all necessary officers for the Rye School District in accordance with the statutory procedure adopted by said District at its March 1962 annual meeting.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Rye.

THIS ARTICLE REQUIRES A THREE-FIFTHS MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rye Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board to wit:

AMENDMENT NO. 1.

Amend Section 303.4, B(1) as follows:

303.4 Certificates of Approval

B. Public Hearings

(1) Notice of public hearing shall be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town, shall be posted in at least [three 3] **two (2)** public places, and shall be sent by certified mail to abutting property owners and those owning property directly across the street, at least [fifteen 15] **five (5)** days in advance.

Note: Deleted language in [ ]'s, new language **emboldened**.

AMENDMENT NO. 2.

Delete section 202.7 ("mother-in-law apartments") and add a new Section 506, as follows:

SECTION 506 ACCESSORY APARTMENTS

506.1 Purpose. The Town of Rye recognizes the public need for the provision of a variety of housing types, including efficient and affordable housing for singles, couples, single parents, elderly and new households. Throughout the town, opportunities exist within under utilized and/or large single family dwellings to create small accessory apartments to meet these needs, as well as to provide a source of income and other assistance for property owners. To accomplish this purpose and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the existing neighborhoods, accessory units may be permitted subject to the following requirements.

506.2 Special Exception. The Board of Adjustment may grant a special exception to allow the construction of, addition to, renovation of and use and occupancy of a single family dwelling in the Single Residence District only, in order to create one subordinate rental accessory apartment unit as an integrated part of said single family dwelling, in accordance with the following performance standards.

506.3 Performance Standards. In addition to making the determinations required by Section 701.3 of this ordinance, the Board of Adjustment shall determine that an accessory apartment complies with the following standards.

A. Each accessory apartment shall have a minimum floor area of 600 sf and a maximum floor area of 700 sf and shall contain, at a minimum, a separate cooking area with a kitchen sink, one full bathroom, and not more than two bedrooms.

B. Each accessory unit shall be limited to a maximum occupancy of three persons, not more than two of whom may be greater than 18 years of age.

C. Two additional off-street parking spaces shall be provided for the accessory apartment.

D. The accessory unit shall be constructed and maintained in such a manner as to retain the appearance and character of the structure and site as a single family dwelling.

E. The principal dwelling unit on the premises shall comply with the floor area requirements of Section 203.3, E, of this ordinance.

F. The property owner shall reside on the premises.

G. An approval shall be obtained from NHDES relative to the adequacy of the on site waste disposal system.

H. An approval shall be obtained from the applicable supplier of public water or certification of a well of adequate capacity shall be provided.

I. All other zoning requirements shall be met.

506.4 Applications. All applications for special exceptions shall include the following information:

A. A property layout, including existing or proposed septic system.

B. A parking plan.

C. A floor plan of all rooms on the premises and the uses thereof.

D. Plans for access and egress.

E. Approval of the Fire Chief.

F. Elevation views of buildings whenever exterior changes are proposed.

506.5 Recertification. Every two years after approval and when the dwelling is sold, the owner of the dwelling and all adult occupants of the accessory apartment shall file an affidavit with the Building Inspector certifying that the owner lives on the premises and that the occupancy of the accessory unit complies with Section 506.3, B.

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You are hereby further notified to adjourn to meet at the Rye Junior High School on the fourteenth day of March next, at **nine o'clock** in the **forenoon**, to vote upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars [$250,000] for the purpose of expanding and renovating the Rye Public Library, and to authorize the issuance of not more than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars [$250,000] of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act [N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended] and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereof, and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes, as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye. This article, when combined with the amount authorized and approved at the 1997 annual town meeting, will increase the bonded authorization for the library expansion project to $895,140. If Article 6 is also approved, the total project cost will be increased to $1,415,000.

THIS ARTICLE REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY BALLOT VOTE
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept donations in an amount of $465,000 for the purpose of expanding, renovating and furnishing the Rye Public Library and to appropriate said donations [including interest earned thereon] for the purpose of expanding, renovating and furnishing the Rye Public Library. Approximately $390,000 of this amount is currently on-hand in donations and earnings and approximately $75,000 in pledge payments are anticipated before project completion. If this article is adopted, and if Article 5 or 7 is adopted, the total project cost will be:

1997 Town Vote	$ 700,000
Donations/Pledges	465,000
Article 5 [1998]	250,000
TOTAL	**$1,415,000**

THIS ARTICLE REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITEE

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars **[$250,000]** for the purpose of completing the expansion and renovation of the Rye Public Library. **IF THE BOND ARTICLE #5 PASSES BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE, THIS ARTICLE BECOMES MOOT.**

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to provide the position of Town Clerk and Tax Collector with a benefit package comparable to other full-time town administrative employees, which currently includes sick leave, vacation, personal time, health and dental insurance, disability insurance, life insurance and retirement, and to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand, one hundred and fifteen dollars [$3,115] for the purpose of paying the **1998** expense of such benefits. This article rescinds the vote of the Town on Article 15 of the 1992 Annual Town Meeting. These benefits shall remain in effect until rescinded by vote of the Town.

The computation of $3,115 is as follows:

Computed for 9 months, April, 1998 through December, 1998.

Health Insurance - 20%/2 persons	$ 726
Dental [1 person]	196
Life Insurance	18
Short Term Disability	23
Retirement [5.8% of gross salary]	2,152
TOTAL	**$3,115**

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars [$10,000] to be added to the non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, established by Article 9 of the 1997 Town Meeting to investigate, design, and construct an all purpose recreation field to be located in the Town Recreation Area. This is a non-lapsing account which will not lapse until the project is complete or in five [5] years [2002], whichever is less.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-two thousand dollars **[$42,000]** to be added to the non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI established by Article 8 at the 1997 Town Meeting for the purpose of engineering, designing, and installing an overall drainage plan for the Town of Rye updating the current drainage system. This is a non-lapsing account which will not lapse until the project is complete or in five [5] years [2002], whichever is less.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 11. On petition of Ronna F. Werner and at least 24 other voters of the Town of Rye, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand twenty dollars **[$1,020]** for The Community Diversion Program.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the budget submitted by the Budget Committee and pass any vote in relation thereto, and to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the calendar year 1998.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate a long term lease agreement for the purpose of leasing a Town property located at 575 Washington Road, Map 12, Lot 43, which presently serves as a multifamily dwelling. This authorization would be valid **ONLY** if the Town is awarded a Federal Community Development Block Grant to offset the costs. The final lease will be submitted to the Town Meeting for approval because RSA 41:11-a requires that the Town Meeting ratify any lease agreement having a period of more than one [1] year.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to reaffirm the organization of the Fire Department as a municipal fire department with a Fire Chief appointed by the Board of Selectmen and firefighters appointed by the Board of Selectmen upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief, per RSA 154:1, I(b), and to rescind all other parts of Article 13 of the 1972 Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 15. On petition of Mark Josephs and at least 270 other voters of the Town of Rye, to see if the Town will vote to bring an article before the 1999 Town Meeting that will preserve, in perpetuity, the Town Forest as open conservation land. The 1999 article will contain legally binding restrictions to prevent development of any kind in the existing Town Forest and any contiguous properties that are purchased, donated, or granted as Town Forest in the future.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to change the present annual tax billing to semi-annual billing beginning in the year **1999**. If this is adopted, taxes would be due and payable on July 1 and December 1 in accordance with RSA 76:15-a.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public road **STONERIDGE DRIVE** [located off of Sagamore Road] as shown on Subdivision Plan, Stoneridge Estates Subdivision, Rye, NH, recorded as Plan #D-25222 in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds. This acceptance is conditioned upon the Town receiving the final approval of the Town's Public Works Director, the Board of Selectmen, and the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public road **WINSLOW WAY** [located off Washington Road], as shown on Subdivision Plan, Subdivision of Land, Sea-Vu Estates, recorded as Plan #D-26050 in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds. This acceptance is conditioned upon the Town receiving the final approval of the Town's Public Works Director, the Board of Selectmen, and the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder at public auction, or sealed bid, such surplus Town equipment as is not traded in on new equipment in 1997.

ARTICLE 20. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of February in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety eight.

JOSEPH G. MILLS JR., Chairman

NORMAN C. KATNER, Vice Chairman

MELVIN R. LOW, Selectman

A true copy of the Warrant,
ATTEST:

JOSEPH G. MILLS, JR., Chairman

NORMAN C. KATNER, Vice Chairman

MELVIN R. LOW, Selectman

We hereby certify that we give notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the times and places and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within **WARRANT** at the places of meeting within named and a like attested copy at the **RYE BEACH POST OFFICE** and the **RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY**, being public places in said Town, on the 19th day of February, 1998.

JOSEPH G. MILLS, JR., Chairman

NORMAN C. KATNER, Vice Chairman

MELVIN R. LOW, Selectman

MS-7

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
61 So.Spring St., P.O.Box 1122
Concord, NH 03302-1122
(603) 271-3397

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 24

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF RYE N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998 or

for Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT: Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.

2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.

3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

Budget Committee: (Please sign in ink.) Date 18 FEBRUARY 1998

Paula A. Snyder

Frank A. Drake

Norman C. Katner

(Revised 1997)

Year 1998 Budget - Town of RYE MS-7

Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr Art#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
4130-4139	Executive		141,954	141,241	153,961		153,097	(864)
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics		10,935	9,002	15,809		15,809	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		211,739	186,876	202,113	(1,319)	203,432	
4152	Revaluation of Property							
4153	Legal Expense		60,000	63,149	60,000		60,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration							
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		23,271	22,664	25,164		25,164	
4194	General Government Buildings		67,602	45,524	42,877	(2,500)	45,377	
4195	Cemeteries		65,000	55,043	65,000		65,000	
4196	Insurance		161,922	154,996	159,158		159,158	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		15,000	13,100	21,116		18,000	(3,116)
4199	Other General Government		113,348	240,456	109,520		109,520	
	PUBLIC SAFETY							
4210-4214	Police		527,799	479,974	511,721		508,913	(2,808)
4215-4219	Ambulance		64,614	53,640	64,278		60,528	(3,750)
4220-4229	Fire		418,250	363,866	388,303		385,654	(2,649)
4240-4249	Building Inspection		70,072	66,614	75,115		75,115	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		5,850	5,505	6,700		6,700	
4299	Other Public Safety (including Communications)							
	AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER							
4301-4309	Airport Operations							

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	HIGHWAYS & STREETS							
4311-4312	Admin., Highways & Streets		669,281	592,398	683,245		680,304	(2,941)
4313	Bridges							
4316	Street Lighting		3,000	2,901	3,000		3,000	
4319	Other							
	SANITATION							
4321-4323	Admin. & Solid Waste Collection		120,477	120,463	123,265		118,231	(5,034)
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		67,752	66,166	73,715		73,715	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other		50	0	5,000		5,000	
	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT							
4331-4332	Admin. & Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other							
	ELECTRIC							
4351-4352	Admin. & Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maint.							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
	HEALTH AND WELFARE							
4411-4414	Admin. & Pest Control		53,580	52,706	8,859	(45,000)	53,859	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other							
4441-4442	Admin. & Direct Assistance		41,233	18,173	32,743		27,543	(5,200)

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							
	CULTURE & RECREATION							
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		87,296	93,659	109,769		106,269	(3,500)
4550-4559	Library		976,450	258,312	301,973	(7,837)	309,810	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		3,150	2,771	3,150		3,150	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		200	389	300		300	
	CONSERVATION							
4611-4612	Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources		144,655	118,807	54,655		54,655	
4619	Other Conservation							
4631-4632	**REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING**							
4651-4659	**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**							
	DEBT SERVICE							
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes							
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		118,850	117,247	116,113		116,113	
4723	Interest on TANs		75,000	54,250	75,000		75,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
	CAPITAL OUTLAY							
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		85,280	49,897	73,350		73,350	
4903	Buildings							

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings		113,664	78,087				
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		31,000	32,662	31,000		31,000	
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	Sewer-		554,095	519,690	553,035		553,035	
	Water-							
	Electric-							
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		124,130	70,500	111,500		70,000	(41,500)
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maintenance Trust Fund)							
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Agency Funds		16,444	25,694	19,444		19,444	
SUBTOTAL 1			5,242,943	4,176,422	4,279,951	56,656	4,265,245	71,362

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct.#	Warr. Art.#	Amount	Acct.#	Warr. Art.#	Amount

..SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES**

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriating to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

Acct#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr Art#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4550	Library (Bond)	5	-0-	-0-	250,000		250,000	
4550	Library	7	-0-	-0-	250,000			(250,000)
4909	Recreation - Field	9	10,000	1,000	10,000		10,000	
4909	Highway - Drainage	10	42,000	20,453	42,000		42,000	
SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended					552,000		302,000	

..INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES**

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4150	Tn Clk/Tax Benefits	8	-0-	-0-	3,115		3,115	
4197	Reg. Assoc. Request	11	-0-	-0-	1,020		1,020	
4550	Library	6	-0-	-0-	465,000		465,000	
SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended					469,135		469,135	

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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE Ensuing Year
	TAXES				
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		5,000	11,565	7,000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		500	168	100
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes			2,370	
3189	Other Taxes		60,000		3,500
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		6,500	59,960	50,000
	Inventory Penalties			12,442	10,000
	LICENSES,PERMITS & FEES				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		2,000	2,408	2,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		550,000	761,251	750,000
3230	Building Permits		40,000	60,438	40,000
3290	Other Licenses,Permits & Fees		20,000	19,809	20,000
3311-3319	**FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**		125,000	6,559	6,000
	FROM STATE				
3351	Shared Revenues		115,000	58,551	100,000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution				
3353	Highway Block Grant		47,955	90,349	47,855
3354	Water Pollution Grant		120,272	120,272	118,329
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		5,661	10,031	5,000
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		10,000	20,072	117
3379	**FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS**				20,000
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401-3406	Income from Departments		100,000	132,299	100,000
3409	Other Charges		50	50	
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		5,000	4,111	5,000
3502	Interest on Investments		50,000	71,765	50,000
3503-3509	Other		114,500	62,592	525,000
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		495,465	495,465	485,150

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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		10,572	10,572	
3914	From Enterprise Funds		10,000	10,000	
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		93,630	93,630	
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds		65,000	65,000	65,000
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
3934	Proc.from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts VOTED From Fund Balance ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
	TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS		2,052,105	2,181,729	2,410,051

BUDGET SUMMARY

	SELECTMEN	BUDGET COMMITTEE
SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 4)	4,279,951	4,265,245
SUBTOTAL 2 Special warrant articles Recommended (page 5))	552,000	302,000
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" warrant articles Recommended (page 5)	469,135	469,135
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	5,301,086	5,036,380
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	2,410,051	2,410,051
Estimated Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	2,891,035	2,626,329

(REV.1997)

PLODZIK & SANDERSON

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Rye
Rye, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Rye as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Rye has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Rye, as of December 31, 1997, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of Town of Rye taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Rye. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

January 23, 1998

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Rye
Rye, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Rye for the year ended December 31, 1997, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

The following conditions were noted that we do not consider to be material weaknesses:

GENERAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

At the end of December 1997, the Town's Bookkeeper of several years left employment. When she departed, the Town's books had not been reconciled or closed. Thus additional time was spent by the auditors and Administrative Assistant reconciling and closing the general books of the Town. When performing this task for all the funds, the following conditions were noted:

1. In the general fund, the general ledger cash did not reconcile with the Treasurer's cash by approximately $185,000. Numerous December cash receipts had not been posted by the Bookkeeper, and in January a temporary Bookkeeper posted these receipts to the January 1998 general ledger.

2. The interfund accounts for all funds were not reconciled.

3. The monthly billings for COBRA, Cemetery Trustees, sewer and gasoline had not been done since August, in several instances. The auditors had to determine the billings and prepared invoices for mailing.

4. Several asset and liability accounts in the general fund were not reconciled and it required additional time to perform this task.

5. The auditors made numerous journal entries in the general fund to reconcile the general ledger at year end.

6. In the Old Parsonage Apartments Fund, records were not kept up to date for each apartment. Activity for the fourth quarter of 1997 had not been posted.

7. Records in the Special Police Detail Fund were not up to date. The billings and payments had not been posted to the accounts receivable listing, primarily for the month of December.

Much of the work above could have been avoided if account reconciliations had been performed on a monthly basis. It is extremely important that the new Bookkeeper be properly trained and perform account reconciliations on a regular basis in order to assure the accuracy of all financial information emanating from the general ledger system. These reconciliations should include reconciling with the Town Treasurer, Town Clerk and Tax Collector on a monthly basis. Likewise, monthly billings for any receivables should be timely.

We also suggest that quarterly monitorings be conducted to ensure that the necessary reconciliations are being performed properly. This monitoring will also provide the new Bookkeeper with ongoing technical assistance, which is necessary in order to maintain an adequate system of internal accounting control.

PURCHASE ORDERS

Although the Town has a purchase order system in place, several instances were noted where the purchase order date did not precede the invoice date. Not obtaining a purchase order when goods or services are purchased, weakens the internal accounting control system over expenditures.

We, therefore, recommend that all purchase orders be obtained and approved prior to ordering goods or services.

LIBRARY BUILDING CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

During 1997, the library began to record transactions for the building project authorized by the 1997 Town Meeting. These transactions were intermingled with the operating fund records maintained for the Library Fund. This made it very cumbersome to segregate the Building Fund revenues and expenditures from those of the Library operating fund. We have discussed this with the Library Director who has agreed to maintain separate record keeping for the Building Fund in 1998.

Also, there had been securities donated to the Library for its building project in 1995 and 1996 which were not furnished for the 1996 audit. It is imperative that all financial assets of the Library as well as all invoices and contracts, whether related to the Library operating accounts or the building capital project, be furnished to the auditors each year in order to ensure accurate and complete financial statements.

OLD PARSONAGE APARTMENTS FUND

Presently, a separate savings account is being maintained by the Town Treasurer for all tenants security deposits. When these security deposits are refunded to the tenants, withdrawals are being made from this account with only a verbal approval of the building's landlord.

We suggest that these disbursements be approved by the majority of the Board of Selectmen in order to comply with New Hampshire RSA 41:29 which states in part that "the town treasurer...shall pay out the same only upon the orders of the selectmen, or,...other board or body designated by the town to expend such a fund."

FOLLOW UP TO PRIOR-YEAR MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS

GAS INVENTORY

During our examination of the Town's gas inventory records, it was noted in the prior year that unleaded gas and diesel fuel was not all accounted for. At year end, the Bookkeeper made an adjustment to charge proportionately all departments for this fuel in order to reconcile the Town's records.

Presently, the fuel inventory is tracked manually. It also appears that when fuel is used, it is not always being properly recorded in that diesel gets recorded as unleaded gas and vice versa.

During the current year audit, we were not able to perform a detailed testing of the gas inventory, since not all of the records were available. It appears that no changes have been made with the system.

We are again recommending that the Town consider a more reliable system for tracking the gas inventory, such as a "Fuel Control System" which can either be operated by a key or card. This system would automatically charge departments for their consumption; access to the fuel would be limited to those with either the key or card. Then, on a weekly or monthly basis, reports produced would show a department's/user's consumption supporting the necessary entries to charge the department for usage. This type of system would eliminate human error and would disclose any questionable usage of fuel.

AMBULANCE BILLINGS

In the past, the following conditions were noted:

1. There was no approval made by a responsible official (Fire Chief) on ambulance billings or write-offs.

2. A resident billing, delinquent 120 days or more, is written off as uncollectible. Currently, a collection agency is used only for non-residents for delinquent 120-plus day accounts.

3. The Bookkeeper is not receiving billing information timely, thus is unable to record billings on the system until year end.

4. It was noted in the prior year that new ambulance billing software was being considered in 1996. Little progress has been made in this regard.

During our 1997 examination of the records, the following in relation to the above comments was noted:

1. The Fire Chief now authorizes billings and write-offs.

2. Rye resident billings after being delinquent 120-plus days are written off as uncollectible. Currently, a collection agency is used only for non-Rye residents for delinquent 120-plus day accounts. We again recommend that the collection agency should be used for all delinquent 120-plus day accounts, non-discriminatory.

3. The Fire Chief now sends monthly reports to the Bookkeeper on billings and write-offs.

4. A new software program was purchased in 1997 and will be implemented sometime in 1998.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

January 23, 1998

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Group
December 31, 1997

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	
Assets						
Cash and Equivalents	$ 779,452	$ 622,535	$ 45,421	$ 252,737	$	$ 1,700,145
Investments	1,723,672	161,434		1,302,136		3,187,242
Receivables (Net of Allowances For Uncollectibles)						
Taxes	833,251					833,251
Accounts	18,440	17,489				35,929
Intergovernmental	115,708					115,708
Other	2,408			387,935		390,343
Interfund Receivable	74,297	91,849	427,806			593,952
Welfare Liens	23,271					23,271
Welfare Liens Reserved Until Collected	(23,271)					(23,271)
Inventory	4,025					4,025
Prepaid Items	16,498					16,498
Tax Deeded Property Subject to Resale	403					403
Other Debits						
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt					4,444,704	4,444,704
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	$ 3,568,154	$ 893,307	$ 473,227	$ 1,942,808	$ 4,444,704	$ 11,322,200

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	Governmental Fund Types: General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Fiduciary Fund Type: Trust and Agency	Account Group: General Long-Term Debt	Total (Memorandum Only)
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	$ 41,283	$ 4,987	$	$ 389	$	$ 46,659
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	34,509	1,618				36,127
Intergovernmental Payable	2,291,834	8,328		116,299		2,416,461
Interfund Payable	91,848	434,437		67,667		593,952
Escrow and Performance Deposits				131,649		131,649
Deferred Revenues		101,233				101,233
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable				387,935		387,935
General Obligation Debt Payable - Current					3,750,000	3,750,000
Accrued Landfill Closure and Postclosure Costs					336,000	336,000
Capital Leases Payable					80,682	80,682
Compensated Absences Payable					278,022	278,022
Total Liabilities	2,459,474	550,603		703,939	4,444,704	8,158,720
Equity						
Fund Balances						
Reserved For Special Purposes			473,227	461,035		934,262
Reserved For Tax Deeded Property	403					403
Reserved For Endowments				777,834		777,834
Reserved For Encumbrances	46,933	19,606				66,539
Reserved For Inventory	4,025					4,025
Reserved For Contingencies	258,864					258,864
Unreserved						
Designated For Special Purposes		323,098				323,098
Undesignated	798,455					798,455
Total Equity	1,108,680	342,704	473,227	1,238,869		3,163,480
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	$ 3,568,154	$ 893,307	$ 473,227	$ 1,942,808	$ 4,444,704	$ 11,322,200

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

SCHEDULE A-1
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

REVENUES	Estimated	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Taxes			
Property	$ 8,514,170	$ 8,654,658	$ 140,488
Land Use Change	11,565	6,312	(5,253)
Yield	169	169	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	4,320	2,370	(1,950)
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	68,965	73,198	4,233
Total Taxes	8,599,189	8,736,707	137,518
Licenses and Permits			
Business Licenses, Permits and Fees	1,802	2,427	625
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	751,802	773,872	22,070
Building Permits	45,447	60,438	14,991
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	20,000	19,853	(147)
Total Licenses and Permits	819,051	856,590	37,539
Intergovernmental Revenues			
State			
Shared Revenue	117,102	117,102	
Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	49,907	49,962	55
Highway Block Grant	90,349	90,349	
State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	4,320	10,031	5,711
Railroad Tax Reimbursement	117	117	
Other Reimbursements	10,000	15,000	5,000
Federal			
Saltmarsh Restoration Grant	130,000	120,000	(10,000)
Other Governments			
FEMA - Grants	3,348	4,930	1,582
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	405,143	407,491	2,348
Charges For Services			
Income From Departments	146,234	138,051	(8,183)
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	3,500	4,111	611
Interest on Investments	65,052	78,434	13,382
Rent of Property		1,850	1,850
Fines and Forfeits		3,049	3,049
Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements	55,000	53,676	(1,324)
Other	17,319	1,870	(15,449)
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	140,871	142,990	2,119

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SCHEDULE A-1 (Continued)
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

REVENUES	Estimated	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Other Financing Sources			
Operating Transfers In			
Interfund Transfers			
Capital Projects Funds	10,572	9,034	(1,538)
Capital Reserve Funds	40,000	40,000	
Total Other Financing Sources	50,572	49,034	(1,538)
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	10,161,060	$10,330,863	$ 169,803
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To Reduce Tax Rate	350,000		
Total Revenues, Other Financing Sources and Use of Fund Balance	$10,511,060		

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SCHEDULE A-2
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

	Encumbered From 1996	Appropriations 1997	Expenditures Net of Refunds	Encumbered To 1998	(Over) Under Budget
Current					
General Government					
Executive	$ 1,200	$ 141,954	$ 142,488	$	$ 666
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics		10,935	9,086		1,849
Financial Administration		206,126	188,825		17,301
Legal Expenses		65,613	63,149		2,464
Planning and Zoning		23,271	22,825	1,531	(1,085)
General Government Buildings		67,602	46,227		21,375
Insurance, not otherwise allocated		161,922	161,681		241
Advertising and Regional Associations		15,000	13,100		1,900
Other		2,500	9,939		(7,439)
Total General Government	1,200	694,923	657,320	1,531	37,272
Public Safety					
Police Department		527,799	491,469		36,330
Ambulance		64,614	56,385		8,229
Fire Department	8,975	418,250	379,543		47,682
Building Inspection		70,072	67,467		2,605
Emergency Management		5,850	5,505		345
Total Public Safety	8,975	1,086,585	1,000,369		95,191
Highways and Streets					
Highways and Streets	2,075	672,281	617,818		56,538
Street Lighting		3,000	2,989		11
Total Highways and Streets	2,075	675,281	620,807		56,549
Sanitation					
Solid Waste Collection		120,477	123,585		(3,108)
Solid Waste Disposal	5,000	67,802	66,492	5,000	1,310
Total Sanitation	5,000	188,279	190,077	5,000	(1,798)
Health					
Administration		3,480	3,230		250
Animal Control		5,100	6,201		(1,101)
Mosquito Control		45,000	43,275	1,725	
Total Health		53,580	52,706	1,725	(851)
Welfare					
Direct Assistance		41,233	18,312		22,921
Culture and Recreation					
Parks and Recreation	1,200	87,296	95,138		(6,642)
Patriotic Purposes		3,150	2,771		379
Other Culture and Recreation		200	389		(189)
Total Culture and Recreation	1,200	90,646	98,298		(6,452)

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SCHEDULE A-2 (Continued)
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

	Encumbered From 1996	Appropriations 1997	Expenditures Net of Refunds	Encumbered To 1998	(Over) Under Budget
Conservation					
Salt Marsh Restoration		120,000	113,020	8,130	(1,150)
Other		23,655	22,857		798
Total Conservation		143,655	135,877	8,130	(352)
Debt Service					
Principal of Long-Term Debt		50,000	50,000		
Interest Expense - Long-Term Debt		28,050	28,047		3
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation Notes		75,000	54,250		20,750
Total Debt Service		153,050	132,297		20,753
Capital Outlay					
Fire Truck		15,000	14,440		560
Highway CAT Tool Carrier		25,800	24,761		1,039
Highway Truck		61,664	61,633		31
Highway Drainage		42,000	20,453	21,547	
Town Hall		49,500	47,760		1,740
Police Department		30,580	27,000		3,580
Fire Department		5,200	4,737		463
Recreation Field		10,000	1,000	9,000	
Total Capital Outlay		239,744	201,784	30,547	7,413
Intergovernmental					
School District Assessments		5,260,893	5,260,893		
County Tax Assessments		901,816	901,816		
Precinct Assessment		522,577	522,577		
Total Intergovernmental		6,685,286	6,685,286		
Other Financing Uses					
Operating Transfers Out					
Interfund Transfers					
Special Revenue Funds		388,298	370,160		18,138
Capital Reserve Funds		55,500	55,500		
Expendable Trust Funds		15,000	15,000		
Total Operating Transfers Out		458,798	440,660		18,138
Total Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances	$ 18,450	$10,511,060	$10,233,793	$ 46,933	$ 248,784

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SCHEDULE A-3
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance - January 1		$ 790,450
Deductions		
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To Reduce 1997 Tax Rate	$ 350,000	
Increase In Reserve For Inventories	1,315	
Increase In Reserve For Special Purposes	59,267	
Total Deductions		410,582
		$ 379,868
Additions		
1997 Budget Summary		
Revenue Surplus (Schedule A-1)	$ 169,803	
Unexpended Balance of Appropriations (Schedule A-2)	248,784	
1997 Budget Surplus		418,587
Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance - December 31		$ 798,455

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EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	
Revenues					
Taxes	$ 8,736,707	$ 5,253	$	$	$ 8,741,960
Licenses and Permits	856,590				856,590
Intergovernmental	407,491	148,020			555,511
Charges for Services	138,051	260,360			398,411
Miscellaneous	142,990	105,694	151,203	30,079	429,966
Other Financing Sources					
Operating Transfers In	49,034	421,371	265,918	77,583	813,906
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	10,330,863	940,698	417,121	107,662	11,796,344
Expenditures					
Current					
General Government	657,320	25,694		3,281	686,295
Public Safety	1,000,369	32,663			1,033,032
Highways and Streets	620,807				620,807
Sanitation	190,077	77,274		13,121	280,472
Health	52,706				52,706
Welfare	18,312				18,312
Culture and Recreation	98,298	282,412		1,979	382,689
Conservation	135,877	58,640			194,517
Debt Service	132,297	442,640			574,937
Capital Outlay	201,784	1,917	71,003		274,704
Intergovernmental	6,685,286				6,685,286
Other Financing Uses					
Operating Transfers Out	440,660	218,140	49,034	94,861	802,695
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	10,233,793	1,139,380	120,037	113,242	11,606,452
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	97,070	(198,682)	297,084	(5,580)	189,892
Fund Balances - January 1 (As Restated, See Note 7)	1,011,610	541,386	176,143	454,986	2,184,125
Fund Balances - December 31	$ 1,108,680	$ 342,704	$ 473,227	$ 449,406	$ 2,374,017

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

SCHEDULE B-3
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Special Revenue Fund - Conservation Commission
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

	General Account	Forest Account	Land Acquisition Account	Total
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	$ 22,500	$	$	$ 22,500
Miscellaneous				
Interest	731	10	6,768	7,509
Land Use Change Tax			5,253	5,253
Other Financing Sources				
Transfers from General Fund			1,000	1,000
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	23,231	10	13,021	36,262
Expenditures				
Current				
Conservation Commission				
Restoration Projects	42,152			42,152
Land Acquisition			15,000	15,000
Legal			512	512
Other	976			976
Total Expenditures	43,128		15,512	58,640
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	(19,897)	10	(2,491)	(22,378)
Fund Balance - January 1	35,579	401	125,440	161,420
Fund Balance - December 31	$ 15,682	$ 411	$ 122,949	$ 139,042

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SCHEDULE B-4
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Special Revenue Fund - Public Library
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

Revenues		
Charges For Services		
Fees	$ 207	
Miscellaneous		
Interest Income	1,546	
Book Sales and Fines	4,172	
Donations	5,722	
Other	100	
Other Financing Sources		
Operating Transfers In		
General Fund	269,523	
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources		$ 281,270
Expenditures		
Current		
Culture and Recreation		
Salaries and Benefits	$ 176,212	
Administrative Costs	5,012	
Books, Periodicals and Programs	65,929	
Operations and Maintenance of Facilities	16,742	
Capital Acquisitions and Improvements	14,872	
Other Financing Uses		
Operating Transfers Out		
Library Building Capital Project Fund	211,057	
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses		489,824
(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses		(208,554)
Fund Balance - January 1 (As Restated, See Note 7)		236,251
Fund Balance - December 31		$ 27,697

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SCHEDULE B-5
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Special Revenue Fund - Sewer Department
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

Revenues		
Intergovernmental		
Federal Government	$ 5,248	
State Aid Water Pollution	120,272	
Charges For Services		
Sewer Rents	233,855	
Other Service Fees	22,322	
Miscellaneous		
Interest Income	2,714	
Other Income	399	
Other Financing Sources		
Operating Transfers In		
General Fund	110,848	
Capital Project	40,000	
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources		$ 535,658
Expenditures		
Current		
Sanitation		
Wages and Employee Benefits	$ 19,739	
Utilities	10,234	
Maintenance and Repairs	7,605	
Purchased Services	32,893	
General and Administrative	6,803	
Capital Outlay	1,917	
Debt Service		
Principal	220,000	
Interest and Fiscal Charges	222,640	
Other Financing Uses		
Operating Transfers Out		
Capital Reserve	7,083	
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses		528,914
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses		6,744
Fund Balance - January 1		73,851
Fund Balance - December 31		$ 80,595

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Long-term debt payable at December 31, 1997, is comprised of the following individual issues:

Description of Issue	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at 12/31/97
General Long-Term Debt Account Group					
General Obligation Debt Payable					
Sewer Construction Bonds	*$4,400,000	1991	2012	6.500-6.750	$ 3,300,000
Old Parsonage Land and Building Acquisition Bond	$500,000	1996	2006	5.625	450,000
					3,750,000
Capital Leases Payable					
Fire Tanker Pumper	$61,327	1993	1998	5.700	13,662
Caterpillar Integrated Tool Carrier	$111,900	1996	2000	5.326	67,020
					80,682
Compensated Absences Payable					
Vested Sick Leave					182,711
Accrued Vacation Leave					90,559
Vested Earned Time					4,752
					278,022
Accrued Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care Costs					336,000
Total General Long-Term Debt Account Group					$ 4,444,704

* This obligation is being paid by the sewer fund.

Annual Requirements To Amortize Governmental Fund Debt

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation debt outstanding as of December 31, 1997, including interest payments, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31,	Governmental Fund Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
1998	$ 270,000	$ 233,653	$ 503,653
1999	270,000	216,540	486,540
2000	270,000	199,428	469,428
2001	270,000	182,755	452,755
2002	270,000	166,413	436,413
2003-2012	2,400,000	765,730	3,165,730
Totals	$ 3,750,000	$ 1,764,519	$ 5,514,519

Annual Requirements to Amortize Capital Leases

Fiscal Year Ending December 31,	Capital Leases		
	Principal	Interest	Total
1998	$ 34,853	$ 4,347	$ 39,200
1999	22,320	2,441	24,761
2000	23,509	1,252	24,761
Totals	$ 80,682	$ 8,040	$ 88,722

All debt is general obligation debt of the Town, which is backed by its full faith and credit. All other debt will be repaid from general governmental revenues.

All lease-purchase agreements contain non-appropriation funding clauses whereby, in the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated by the Town, the lease shall terminate without penalty or expense to the Town.

Bonds or Notes Authorized - Unissued

Bonds and notes authorized and unissued as of December 31, 1997 were as follows:

Per Town Meeting Vote of	Purpose	Unissued Amount
March 15, 1997	Expansion and Renovation of the Rye Public Library	$ 645,139

State Aid to Water Pollution Projects

In addition to local revenues, the "Amount To Be Provided For Retirement of General Long-Term Debt," includes the following amounts to be received from the State of New Hampshire in the form of State Aid to Water Pollution Projects:

Bond Issues	Amount
1991 - $4,400,000	$ 1,252,657

Under RSA Chapter 486, the Town receives from the State of New Hampshire a percent of the annual amortization charges on the original costs resulting from the acquisition and construction of sewage disposal facilities.

At December 31, 1997, the Town is due to receive the following annual amounts to offset debt payments:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31,	Amount
1998	$ 114,443
1999	110,558
2000	106,672
2001	103,026
2002	99,319
2003-2011	718,639
Total	$ 1,252,657

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

1997 was an interesting and productive year as the Town of Rye Health Officer. As in previous years, I have continued to periodically inspect local daycare facilities. Along with other State health officers and officials, I am currently reviewing proposed revisions for the inspection of daycare facilities. I have also continued to monitor and inspect restaurants on a regular basis. I am pleased to report there have been no major problems.

Hepatitis B immunizations have continued to be offered to police and fire personnel as new staff are added to these departments. Rabies vaccinations are also given to those Town employees deemed to be at high-risk for rabies contacts. The benefit of rabies vaccination was manifested earlier this year when a police officer had to confront and handle an animal suspected of, and later proven to have rabies. I will continue to stress the importance of both of these vaccinations in the coming year.

I have continued to be available to the citizens of Rye for health related questions. I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, numerous other town officials and personnel, and the citizens of the town for their continued support and cooperation. I have enjoyed serving the people of Rye, and I look forward to a productive 1998.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Ann Snow, MD
Health Officer

WELFARE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Revised Statutes Annotated 165.1 mandates that welfare must be given to any person in Town who is unable to support him/her self. As the Welfare Director, I am responsible to the Selectmen [overseers of the poor] and I assist them in administering the funds.

The largest item in my budget is rent, $18,172.74. This item is down a little this year because the motel owners stopped taking welfare clients for the summer months.

This year we received $2,411.49 payback from clients. This money goes into the general fund. Numerous baskets were given this year at Thanksgiving and Christmas thanks to the generosity of the Fire Department. A new ruling was adopted by the Selectmen that a client working over 20 hours a week cannot quit their job. This has been a worthwhile rule.

If the State Welfare continues to put clients in school to learn a new trade, the numbers of people needing help will decrease. With the economy being so good, quite a few of our clients were able to get a job easily and so were not needing as much assistance as previously.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia E. Wood
Welfare Director

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
1997 ANNUAL REPORT

In 1997 the trust funds continued to yield a stable level of return.

In particular we were quite pleased with the Library Fund, which enjoyed a gain on sale of stock of $15,342.84. The Cemetery Funds also enjoyed a gain of $1872.20. The Sale of Cemetery Lots accounts grew by $8050.00 in new funds, and $719.02 in earned income. Overall income for all the funds in 1997 was $107,191.47.

After careful consideration, the Trustees decided to re-invest certain capital in order to realize better growth potential, which hopefully will yield an even more positive income in 1998.

It is the duty of the Trustees to supervise the income and expenditures of the Library, Cemetery, Dalton, Manuel, and Jennie P. Brownell Funds, as well as the sale of cemetery lots and miscellaneous Capital Reserve Funds. The principal of said trust funds is never expended. The gain earned on the principal can be re-invested when the Trustees feel a better return could be realized.

The Trust Funds continue to enjoy a secure and constant growth, guided by updates from Christopher Brown, 1st Vice President of Fahnestock and Company, and Jane Ireland, who meticulously keeps the books in order throughout the year. As Trustees we pledge to continue to keep all funds in our care safe and profitable.

Respectfully submitted,
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Andrew J. Mahoney, Chairman
Brenda J. Semprini, Secretary
Priscilla J. Patrick, V.Chairman

TRUST FUNDS CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT - 1997

FUND	PRINCIPAL	ADDITIONS OR EXPENSES	PRINCIPAL	INCOME BALANCE	1997 INCOME	1997 EXPENDED	BALANCE INCOME
LIBRARY $	117,132.44	100.00* 15,342.84 (GAIN)	132,575.28	-0-	11,211.27	11,211.27	-0-
MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS	579,233.32	(91,045.34)	488,187.98	38,297.20	28,501.33	22,948.63	43,849.90
CEMETERY	356,951.07	8,050.00 1,872.20 (GAIN)	366,873.27	2,011.21	38,260.64	39,628.17	643.68
DALTON FUND	228,997.89	6,432.46	235,430.35	3,503.59	16,124.21	19,500.00	127.80
MANUEL FUND	30,383.67		30,383.67	6,748.82	2,606.82	-0-	9,355.64
SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS				27,222.03	8,769.02	722.17	35,268.88
JENNIE P. BROWNELL	12,472.00		12,472.00	-0-	1,718.18	1,718.18	-0-
TOTALS $	1,325,170.39	(59,247.84)	1,265,922.55	77,782.85	107,191.47	95,728.42	89,245.90

* Addition to Howard and Louise Roper Fund

COMMON TRUST FUND REPORT FOR LIBRARY COMMON TRUST

TRUSTS	DATE.CREATED	TRUST.NAME	FUND	GROUP	RECORDED	BEG.PRIN	ADD.PRIN	GAIN	END.PRIN	BEG.INC	INC	EXP	END.INC
8001	08-21-1909	JENNESS, J. DISCO	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$449.36	$.00	$58.85	$508.21	$.00	$43.00	$43.00	$.00
8002	02-03-1912	WEBSTER, BENJAMIN F.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$1,092.19	$.00	$143.03	$1,235.22	$.00	$104.52	$104.52	$.00
8003	07-07-1917	RANO, MARY TUCK	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$398.62	$.00	$52.20	$450.82	$.00	$38.14	$38.14	$.00
8004	11-11-1918	LOCKE, JAMES H.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$1,092.19	$.00	$143.03	$1,235.22	$.00	$104.52	$104.52	$.00
8005	08-21-1921	DRAKE, JAMES MCEWEN	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$9,863.68	$.00	$1,291.79	$11,155.47	$.00	$943.93	$943.93	$.00
8006	10-27-1922	MARDEN, RALPH T.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$199.22	$.00	$26.09	$225.31	$.00	$19.06	$19.06	$.00
8007	07-06-1925	PARSONS, DR. JOHN	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$977.55	$.00	$128.02	$1,105.57	$.00	$93.54	$93.54	$.00
8008	11-27-1927	GOSS, SUSAN A.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$977.55	$.00	$128.02	$1,105.57	$.00	$93.54	$93.54	$.00
8009	01-31-1933	GARLAND, OLIVER PERRY	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$977.55	$.00	$128.02	$1,105.57	$.00	$93.54	$93.54	$.00
8010	01-22-1941	VARRELL, FORREST CLINTON	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$1,934.70	$.00	$253.37	$2,188.07	$.00	$185.14	$185.14	$.00
8011	12-17-1941	PHILBRICK, LIZZIE B.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$461.25	$.00	$60.40	$521.65	$.00	$44.14	$44.14	$.00
8012	01-02-1949	HILL, GERTRUDE P.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$5,825.18	$.00	$762.89	$6,588.07	$.00	$557.45	$557.45	$.00
8013	10-07-1949	MARDEN, ELIZA PARSONS	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$6,640.03	$.00	$869.61	$7,509.64	$.00	$635.43	$635.43	$.00
8014	12-28-1949	CARTER, WILLIAM J.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$976.03	$.00	$127.82	$1,103.85	$.00	$93.40	$93.40	$.00
8015	04-30-1958	WALKER, RALPH	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$1,934.60	$.00	$253.36	$2,187.96	$.00	$185.13	$185.13	$.00
8016	09-20-1960	HOOK, MARY ISABEL	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$1,934.60	$.00	$253.36	$2,187.96	$.00	$185.13	$185.13	$.00
8017	05-23-1961	PARSONS, JOHN L. & BLANCHE	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$1,457.08	$.00	$190.82	$1,647.90	$.00	$139.44	$139.44	$.00
8018	05-23-1961	LOUGEE, GILMAN M & MAYBELLE	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$14,943.35	$.00	$1,957.05	$16,900.40	$.00	$1,430.05	$1,430.05	$.00
8019	05-11-1971	PHILBRICK, SHIRLEY S./HELEN F.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$8,135.75	$.00	$1,065.49	$9,201.24	$.00	$778.57	$778.57	$.00
8020	05-05-1972	OUDLEY, MARTHA	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$25,984.25	$.00	$3,403.15	$29,387.40	$.00	$2,486.78	$2,486.78	$.00
8021	02-07-1980	SYLVESTER, MARGUERITE FRASER	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$1,289.91	$.00	$168.93	$1,458.84	$.00	$123.44	$123.44	$.00
8022	12-01-1980	PARSONS, DOROTHY	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$25,818.79	$.00	$3,381.35	$29,200.14	$.00	$2,470.81	$2,470.81	$.00
8023	01-10-1990	ROPER, HOWARD & LOUISE	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$1,480.27	$100.00	$196.45	$1,776.72	$.00	$143.55	$143.55	$.00
8024	12-31-1992	CORINNE P. MACDONALD	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1997	$2,288.74	$.00	$299.74	$2,588.48	$.00	$219.02	$219.02	$.00
***						$117,132.44	$100.00	$15,342.84	$132,575.28	$.00	$11,211.27	$11,211.27	$.00

TRUST FUNDS - MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

DATE	NAME OF FUND	PRINCIPAL	ADDITIONS OR EXPENDED	PRINCIPAL	INCOME BALANCE	1997 INCOME	1997 EXPENDED	INCOME BALANCE
12/25/1856	Daniel Austin Medicine Chest	$ 100.00		100.00	1,459.80	41.71	-0-	1,501.51
3/17/1990	Employee Leave	33,588.60	12,440.90	46,029.50	-0-	1,787.44	-0-	1,787.44
3/30/1996	Rye Water District	3,000.00	6,085.00	9,085.00	-0-	312.99	-0-	312.99
3/16/1996	Foss Graveyard Trust	300.00	405.88	705.88	-0-	26.17	-0-	26.17
3/16/1996	Capital Reserve Ambulance	15,000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00	-0-	825.15	-0-	825.15
3/25/1995	Capital Reserve Rye Water District	100,000.00	(80.38)	99,919.62	2,681.30	4,913.32	7,594.62	-0-
12/19/1965	Capital Reserve Fire Truck	25,000.00		25,000.00	17,869.97	2,281.41	-0-	20,151.38
3/12/1994	Capital Reserve Grove Rd. Landfill	77,363.07	(14,225.04)	63,138.03	967.96	3,586.29	4,554.25	-0-
3/12/1988	Capital Reserve Library Construction	49,923.19	(49,923.19)	-0-	3,706.74	1,230.64	4,937.38	-0-
3/17/1990	Capital Reserve Record Restoration	7,500.00	500.00	8,000.00	466.70	424.00	-0-	890.70
3/17/1990	Capital Reserve Revaluation	88,674.31	10,000.00	98,674.31	5,922.10	5,033.91	-0-	10,956.01
3/16/1996	Capital Reserve Recreation Building	4,327.76	8,020.63	12,348.39	-0-	238.15	-0-	238.15
3/27/1993	Capital Reserve Rye Water District	64,833.52	(64,833.52)	-0-	-0-	1,883.68	1,883.68	-0-

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TRUST FUNDS - MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS
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DATE	NAME OF FUND	PRINCIPAL	ADDITIONS OR EXPENDED	PRINCIPAL	INCOME BALANCE	1997 INCOME	1997 EXPENDED	INCOME BALANCE
3/14/1992	Capital Reserve Safety Building	$ 36,808.72		36,808.72	1,916.40	2,060.75	-0-	3,977.15
3/14/1992	Capital Reserve Sewer	21,500.00	7,082.80	28,582.80	1,302.48	1,213.48	-0-	2,515.96
11/1/1966	Capital Reserve Rye Beach Precinct	6,314.15		6,314.15	263.78	403.51	-0-	667.29
4/13/1993	Capital Reserve Rye Beach Precinct	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	-0-	455.31	41.81	497.12	-0-
3/12/1994	Capital Reserve Highway Equipment	40,000.00	(16,518.42)	23,481.58	1,284.66	2,196.92	3,481.58	-0-
TOTALS		$579,233.32	(91,045.34)	488,187.98	38,297.20	28,501.33	22,948.63	43,849.90

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
DETAILED STATEMENT
1997

LIBRARY		
PRINCIPAL 1/1/97	$	117,132.44
Gain on Sale of Stock		15,342.84
New Principal - Roper Fund		100.00
PRINCIPAL 12/31/97	**$**	**132,575.28**
INCOME BALANCE 1/1/97	$	-0-
1997 Income		11,211.27
Paid to Library Trustees		11,211.27
INCOME BALANCE 12/31/97	$	-0-
MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS		
PRINCIPAL 1/1/97	$	579,233.32
Additions:		
Capital Reserve - Revaluation		10,000.00
Capital Reserve - Record Restoration		500.00
Capital Reserve - Employee Leave		12,440.90
Capital Reserve - Sewer		7,082.80
Capital Reserve - Grove Rd. Landfill		6,336.63
Capital Reserve - Highway Equipment		20,000.00
Capital Reserve - Rye Water District		17,325.00
Capital Reserve - Rye Water District		6,085.00
Capital Reserve - Recreation Building		8,020.63
Capital Reserve - Ambulance		15,000.00
Foss Graveyard Trust		405.88
Total Additions	$	103,196.84
Expended:		
Capital Reserve - Rye Beach Precinct		5,000.00
Capital Reserve - Library Construction		49,923.19
Capital Reserve - Rye Water District		64,833.52
Capital Reserve - Grove Road Landfill		20,561.67
Capital Reserve - Highway Equipment		36,518.42
Capital Reserve - Rye Water District		17,405.38
Total Expended	$	194,242.18
PRINCIPAL 12/31/97	**$**	**488,187.98**
INCOME BALANCE 1/1/97	$	38,297.20
1997 Income		28,501.33
1997 Expended:		
Capital Reserve - Rye Beach Precinct		497.12
Capital Reserve - Library Construction		4,937.38
Capital Reserve - Rye Water District		1,883.68
Capital Reserve - Grove Rd. Landfill		4,554.25
Capital Reserve - Highway Equipment		3,481.58
Capital Reserve - Rye Water District		7,594.62
Total Expended		22,948.63
INCOME BALANCE 12/31/97	**$**	**43,849.90**

1997 SALE OF LOTS
CENTRAL CEMETERY

		SALE OF LOTS	PERPETUAL CARE
Conway, Charles F. Division 1, Lot A-5, S	$	700.00	700.00
Estate of Martin J. O'Neill Cedar lawn, Lot B-54		175.00	175.00
Cramer, Phyllis H. Division 1, Lot A-22		1050.00	1050.00
Estate of Judith P. Tranberg Cedar Lawn, Lot E-17		350.00	350.00
Chen, Sau Fong Division 2, Lot A-39		1400.00	1400.00
King, Lawrence J. & Frances Division 3, Lot A-22-S		700.00	700.00
Wright, Arthur N. & Barbara P. Cedar Lawn, Lot B-23, #1		175.00	175.00
Geraghty, Jeffrey Division 3, Lot A-51		1400.00	1400.00
Tracey, Judith I. & Bernard P. Division 3, Lot A-22-N		700.00	700.00
Wright, Arthur N. & Barbara P. Cedar Lawn, B-23, #2		175.00	175.00
McCue, Mary T. Cedar Lawn E-39, #1		175.00	175.00
Miller, Mary Lou Cedar Lawn E-17, 3 & 4		350.00	350.00
Conway, Benjamin F. Cedar Lawn E-37, 1 & 2		350.00	350.00
Leary, Kathleen Division 3, A28		350.00	350.00
TOTALS	**$**	**8,050.00**	**8,050.00**

SEWER COMMISSION'S REPORT

The Commission is responsible for the operation, maintenance and billing of the sewer district which at present consists of 498 users. The Commission is also responsible for any extensions and/or expansion of the sewer into other areas of the Town. This year, the Commission held twenty-two [22] public meetings.

The following issues were addressed by the Commission in 1997:

1. Two years ago, the Board of Selectmen requested the Sewer Commission to aid Adams Mobile Home Park on Lafayette Road in connecting to the Portsmouth sewer system. The Commission acted as the intermediary between Adams Mobile Park and the City of Portsmouth. The Park is now connected to the Portsmouth sewer system and the Rye Sewer Commission will continue to act as an intermediary overseeing the operation and billing of Adams Mobile Home Park. Adams Trailer Park has been and will continue to be responsible for the entire cost of their sewer system. A surcharge of 2% is added to their quarterly bill to cover the cost of Rye's involvement.

2. The Commission has modernized the system of transmitting flow data to Hampton. Previously, we had a dedicated telephone line which transmitted flow data to Hampton from the Church Street pumping station. A simpler modem system has been installed which uses a regular phone line to transmit the data and is significantly lower in cost.

3. Route 1/Lafayette Road The City of Portsmouth is in the process of completing a study of their entire sewer system. At this time, they are not prepared to accept any additional sewerage on Route 1 and therefore, the Commission will not present any such warrant article at this year's Town Meeting.

4. To insure no interruption, and least costs in sewer operation, we annually inspect our 150 plus manholes for surface/sub-surface water infiltration and repair as appropriate. Similarly, sewer-main flushing is performed in selected areas to reduce blockage potential, which is particularly serious when icing, deep snows and frozen ground prevail.

5. The average off-summer sewage flow from Rye to Hampton is 53,000 gallons per day. During the summer season, the average increases to approximately 75,000 gallons per day.

6. There has been an increasing number of people using a secondary meter to measure water usage for swimming pools and lawn irrigation. The reading from this secondary meter is credited to the customer's 4th quarter billing each year.

Respectfully submitted,
Leon H. Valley
Chairman

TOWN OF RYE EMPLOYEES

NAME	POSITION/DEPARTMENT	WAGES
Abrams, Douglas K.	Call Firefighter	$ 705.00
*Adams, Lee J.	Transfer Station Attendant	32,244.77
Barrett, Stephen R.	Library Page	5,492.50
*Blaisdell, Leon C.	Fire Lieutenant	50,637.72
Blouin, Nora C.	Election Worker	34.44
Brandt, Ryan M.	Lifeguard	2,336.00
Bromfield, Edwin A.	Custodian	6,383.23
Carline, Scott W.	Police Special	130.00
Carlson, Sarah E.	Lifeguard	2,768.00
Catalino, Josephine R.	Planning Board Secretary	1,630.00
Chase, James M.	Transfer Station Attendant	10,805.28
Chichester, Madelin L.	Supr of Checklist	450.00
*Colbeth, Peter C.	Patrolman	43,913.85
Concha, Rodrigo E.	Recreation Department	270.00
Cormier, Peter J.	Police Special	280.00
*Cronin, Jeanne M.	Selectmen's Secretary	25,088.49
Cross, Calvin L.	Call Firefighter	481.00
*Cross, Patricia A.	Bookkeeper	30,872.44
Cummings, Douglas V.	Police Special	240.00
Cutting, Ralph J.	Appraiser	5,137.52
*Dawley, Joan A.	Building Inspector's Secretary	20,397.73
*DeJoy, Brian S.	Patrolman	24,438.82
DeRochemont, Leigh K.	Election Worker	5.15
DeVries, Sharon	Moderator	200.00
*Dodds, David A.	Highway Department	38,055.83
Dodds, Gary Bruce	Call EMT/Firefighter	3,091.50
Dolan, John L.	Police Special	850.00
Early, Robert A.	Police Special	130.00
Fessenden, Michael C.	Call EMT/Firefighter	1,128.75
Flynn, Barbara J.	Treasurer	16,943.04
Froehling, John H.	Call Firefighter	273.00
Garrity, Timothy P.	Police Special	6,749.38
Gaskell, Douglas G.	Highway Department	5,043.51
Gauthier, Brandy L.	Lifeguard	500.00
Gilbert, David L.	Police Special	80.00
*Goff, Harriet	Police Dispatcher/Secretary	34,606.31
Gray, Cornelia C.	Election Worker	11.88
Greenleaf, Roy L.	Call EMT/Firefighter	1,911.00
Gregory, Brian D.	Recreation Department	703.50
Harris, Philip E.	Highway Department	92.54
Herlihy, Edward H.	Selectman	1,010.50
*Hill, Roy Lee	Highway Department	35,020.15
Homiak, Gary B.	Police Special	210.00
Hordon, Ronald A.	Call EMT	1,041.00
Huggard, Lori A.	Lifeguard	3,104.00
Hunkins, Michael J.	Police Special	140.00
Hunter, Shannon L.	Recreation Department	739.50
*Ireland, Edward J.	Cemetery Superintendent	42,566.24
*Ireland, Jane E.	Town Clk/Tax Coll/Tr Fund	39,115.48
Ireland, Jessica L.	Recreation Department	739.50
Jackson, Johanna D.	Recreation Department	22,412.10
*Jautaikis, Pamela E.	Adult Services Librarian	22,379.83
*Jenness, Christopher	Highway Department	38,442.08

*Jenness, William R.	Building Inspector	30,505.12
*Johnson, Deborah L.	Cons Comm Secretary	1,889.25
Johnson, Lynn S.	Library Custodian	2,350.00
Jones, Heather M.	Lifeguard	3,200.00
Jones, Victoria L.	Lifeguard	640.00
Kates, Robert J.	Library Custodian	2,650.00
Katner, Norman C.	Selectman	4,042.00
Kendall, Gregory C.	Police Special	2,625.00
Kenny, Carolyn A.	Lifeguard	3,348.00
Keyser, Joseph William	Call Firefighter	142.50
*Kornechuk, David	Firefighter	39,452.14
Krespach, Judy M.	Call EMT	1,500.00
Ladrie, Alan	Call Firefighter	752.00
*Laing, Steven J.	Firefighter	51,351.16
Lajoe, Jason M.	Call EMT/Firefighter	2,064.00
Law, Charles T. Jr.	Police Special	180.00
Lear, John C.	Call EMT/Firefighter	4,298.00
*Leary, Robert J.	Highway Department	39,549.16
Lepage, Michael C.	Police Special	1,691.25
Leuner, Mark E.	Lifeguard	2,512.00
Levin, Liza A.	Police Special	80.00
*Loomis, Bradley B.	Police Chief	47,925.51
Low, Melvin	Selectman	3,031.50
*MacDonald, Sharon	Library-Head of Youth Service	22,950.00
MacKenzie, Jay A.	Police Special	750.00
Maddocks, Michael E.	Police Special	2,989.75
Marsh, Henry	Lifeguard Supervisor	6,000.00
McInnis, Lisa	Lifeguard	2,860.00
Metalious, Stefanie R.	Library Page	3,839.50
Michaud, Melia C.	Sewer Commission Secretary	11,682.01
*Millett, Frederick	Highway Department	41,501.62
Mills, Joseph G., Jr.	Selectman	4,042.00
Mills, Lisa A.	Police Department	668.25
Moores, Andrew E.	Lifeguard	3,956.75
Morrow, Brenda J.	Recreation Department	558.00
*Moynahan, Cornelius G.	Public Works Director	47,781.27
Moynahan, Jeanne M.	Crosswalk Guard	1,580.00
*Moynahan, Kenneth M.	Firefighter	58,262.66
Murphy, John S.	Library Custodian	300.00
Nickerson, Brian W.	Call EMT/Firefighter	1,217.00
Nye, James E.	Police Special	250.00
O'Brien, Kristine	Lifeguard	3,236.00
O'Connell, Anthony J.	Police Special	580.00
Ochetto, Jodi L.	Budget Comm Secretary	247.50
Olson, Constance M.	Election Worker	80.75
Orestis, Nikolaos	Call Firefighter	2,091.75
Paisley, Kellie A.	Recreation Department	1,128.00
Palmer, Wendy	Library Assistant	8,076.24
*Paradis, Jr., Paul H.	Highway Mechanic	36,037.24
Parenteau, Walter J.	Sewer Clerk of Works	9,823.35
*Peirce, Jeffrey T.	Patrolman	49,297.20
Pepin, Michael T.	Call EMT	2,381.50
Peters, Leo Joesph	Call Firefighter	19.50
Philbrick, Alden W.	Call Firefighter	1,150.00
Pollock, Evan N.	Call Firefighter	3,996.75
Porciello, Heather J.	Recreation Department	733.50
*Quinn, Patricia R.	Adult Services Librarian	24,420.72

Radzius, Dziugas I.	Call EMT/Firefighter	15.00
Ramsay-Dean, Lois A.	Recreation Department	300.00
Ritchie, Mark P.	Call EMT/Firefighter	22.50
Sawtell, Susan A.	Call EMT	933.75
Sawyer, Dawn	Police Special	1,247.50
*Scippa, John	Sergeant	48,035.78
Seaver, Emily	Election Worker	80.75
Simmons, Thomas F.	Police Special	60.00
Snow, M.D., Gail Ann	Health Officer	3,000.00
*Sousa, Mark A.	Detective Sergeant	43,632.53
South, Michael R.	Police Special	140.00
Spooner, Stuart M.	Police Special	240.00
Squires, John C.	Deputy Building Inspector	1,344.75
Stanley, Jr., Kenneth	Call EMT/Firefighter	2,399.00
*Teaze, Kathleen A.	Library Director	39,736.87
Teaze, Lindsay	Library Page	40.00
*Thompson, Janet C.	Adm.Ass't./Spvr.of Chcklst	41,309.65
Tibbetts, Dean A.	Call Firefighter	326.75
*Tompkins, Randall B.	Patrolman	47,800.15
Tracey, Marnie	Children Serv's Librarian	13,467.34
Tutt, Brian S.	Call EMT/Firefighter	5,465.25
Tutt, Lorna	Call EMT/Police Special	445.00
Vachon, Jennifer L.	Lifeguard	1,536.00
*Walker, Bruce E.	Fire Chief	47,346.68
Walker, Sarah	Call EMT	15.00
*Walsh, Kevin P.	Sergeant	50,606.79
Ward, Kenneth J.	Police Summer Special	580.00
Warden, Colleen M.	Police Animal Control	4,647.75
Warnock, Steven J.	Police Special	90.00
Watts, Christine L.	Recreation Department	769.50
Webster, Mark D.	Police Special	21,779.78
White Jr., Donald Allen	Police Special	120.00
Whittet, Robert James	Call EMT/Firefighter	4,897.00
Wilson, David M.	Highway Department	1,382.45
Wood, Patricia E.	Welfare Director	4,617.25
*Yeaton, Elizabeth M.	Deputy Tax Coll/Twn Clrk	28,072.19
Yeaton, Norman H.	Call FF/Spvr.of Chcklst	1,770.00
Zaidlicz, Jennifer L.	Recreation Department	300.00
*Zartarian, Mark N.	Firefighter	57,860.62
Zartarian, Therese A.	Asst Tax Coll/Twn Clerk/ZBA	6,506.34
	TOTAL:	**$1,664,813.71**

*** Denotes full time employees that receive full benefits.**

TOWN OF RYE'S BENEFIT PACKAGE
TOWN'S CONTRIBUTION ONLY

FULL TIME EMPLOYEES & PERMANENT PART TIME EMPLOYEES

Benefit	Town Hall & Highway Employees	Fire & Police Employees	Other Contractual Non-Contractual Employees
ICMA and state retirement plan	TOWN Mandatory .3% Plus TOWN matches up to 2.8% voluntary	5.65% Fire* 3.64% Police of gross earnings	TOWN Mandatory .3% Plus TOWN matches up to 2.8% voluntary LIBRARY EMPLS 7.5% of gross earnings
Health** Insurance (BC/BS-NH) Plan J, Comp 500	Single Cov- $2,418/yr 2-Pers Cov- $3,869/yr Family Cov- $5,224/yr	Single Cov- $2,418/yr 2-Pers Cov- $3,869/yr Family Cov- $5,224/yr	Single Cov- $2,418/yr 2-Pers Cov- $3,869/yr Family Cov- $5,224/yr
Dental*** Insurance	Single Cov- $264/yr	Single Cov- $264/yr	Single Cov- $264/yr
Life**** Insurance & Disability	$55/yr	$55/yr	$55/yr

FULL TIME EMPLOYEES WORK 40 HOURS PER WEEK. BENEFITS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO PERMANENT PART-TIME EMPLOYEES WHO WORK AT LEAST 30 HOURS PER WEEK.

* In addition to employer's required share, Fire & Police employees contribute 9.3% as required by NH state law. The employer's share is set by NH state law annually effective in July.

** All full time employees and permanent part-time employees (work at least 30 hrs/week) pay 20% of health insurance, and the Town pays 80% of the health insurance per the contracts with the exception of single coverage which the town pays 100%.

*** The Town pays 100% single dental coverage (Delta Dental) only (3 plans).

**** The Town pays the total cost of this plan. The value of the Life Insurance Plan is $7,500 per employee. Disability benefits total a maximum weekly benefit of $50 for 26 weeks.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
FOR THE TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

March 11 and 15, 1997

At 7:59 a.m. on March 11, 1997 at the Bethany Congregational Christian Church Fellowship Hall, Moderator Sharon DeVries opened the ballot box to display the empty compartments. She inserted the OpTech program pack in the OpTech voting machine and secured it in place with tag no. 894808. Mrs. DeVries cleared the OpTech voting machine, displaying the resulting zero's tape and then verified the public counter read "zero". She ascertained the machine was in proper operative order and the phrase "system ready for voting" appeared at the beginning of the day's tape.

At 8:00 a.m. Moderator DeVries began the official reading of the Warrant for Town Meeting. It was **moved** by Elizabeth M. Yeaton, seconded by Bruce Walker, to waive the further reading of the Warrant. **So Voted.**

Moderator DeVries announced Absentee Ballots would be processed and cast after 2:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 659:49, and a notice of same was duly posted along with the list of those who applied for Absentee Ballots for this election. Also posted were sample ballots, instructions to voters, and the pertinent N.H. Revised Statutes Annotated, as required by law. Election workers were instructed as to their duties by the Moderator.

Moderator Sharon DeVries declared the polls open. The ballot box was secured and voting commenced.

Absentee ballots were processed and cast, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

At 7:04 p.m. Moderator DeVries pronounced the polls closed, allowing any voters remaining inside the polling area to complete their voting and cast their ballots. The counting process then ensued. At 7:30 p.m. Mrs. DeVries announced the results of the voting and declared the winners of each race. The results are shown on the accompanying page.

At 9:10 a.m. on the 15th of March 1997, at the Rye Junior High School gymnasium, Moderator Sharon DeVries called to order the business portion of the Annual Town Meeting. She introduced Jennifer Provencher, from Girl Scout Troop 2160, and Brice Svihovec, a Boy Scout from Troop 181, who led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1557 ballots cast
35% turnout
* denotes winner

SPECIMEN BALLOT
FOR THE TOWN OF RYE
MARCH 11, 1997

A. To vote, complete the arrow(s) pointing to your choice(s), like this: .
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and complete the arrow.

Recount Results:

FOR SELECTMAN
For Three Years — Vote for ONE

	HENRY M. CAVARETTA	580
*	MELVIN R. LOW	917

FOR TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR
For Three Years — Vote for ONE

764	GARY A. CHAPMAN	764
776 *	JANE E. IRELAND	770

FOR TREASURER
For Three Years — Vote for ONE

*	BARBARA J. FLYNN	1261

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE
For Three Years — Vote for ONE

*	BETTEY TOBEY	1231

FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE
For Three Years — Vote for ONE

*	JOHN W. PATRICK	1251

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
For Three Years — Vote for ONE

*	PRISCILLA J. PATRICK	1217

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE
For Three Years — Vote for TWO

	ROLAND BREWER	291
*	GARY A. CHAPMAN	1009
*	GARY B. DODDS	743
	EDWARD H. HERLIHY	538

FOR PLANNING BOARD
For Three Years — Vote for TWO

	ROBERT T. BROWN	745 *
	EDWARD H. HERLIHY	459
	PRISCILLA PATRICK	688 *
	BILL ROACH	627

FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER
For Three Years — Vote for ONE

	WILLIAM J. LADRIE	829 *
	WILLIAM J. YOUSCHAK	372

ARTICLE 3.
CHARTER COMMISSION QUESTION
Proposed by the Rye Board of Selectmen

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 3, as follows:

Shall a charter commission be established for the purpose of establishing a new municipal charter?

YES 570
* NO 733

ARTICLE 4.
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS
Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

Amendment 1
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1, as follows:

To amend Section 604 Uses Under Special Exception Provisions to clearly set forth the legal status of uses which the zoning ordinance allows by special exception?

* YES 955
NO 327

Amendment 2
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2, as follows:

To amend the Historic District to clarify that only a Notification of Approval is required where like materials are replacing like materials (i.e. A Certificate of Approval is not required.)?

* YES 995
NO 351

Amendment 3
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 3, as follows:

To amend Section 303.5 Guidelines for Decisions on Appropriateness of the Historic District to require that all of the six listed criteria of Paragraph E be met? (Note: Presently any 4 of the 6 criteria must be met).

* YES 733
NO 534

Amendment 4
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 4, as follows:

To amend the zoning ordinance to establish special regulations for signs within the Historic District and to clarify that a banner suspended between buildings is a sign?

* YES 898
NO 445

Amendment 5
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 5, as follows:

To amend Section 301.6, B. to clarify that driveways within the Wetlands Conservation District require a special exception?

* YES 966
NO 380

Amendment 6
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 6, as follows:

To amend Article VII Board of Adjustment to incorporate several new provisions required by recent amendments to state legislation?

* YES 939
NO 301

TURN BALLOT OVER TO CONTINUE VOTING

RECOUNT

On March 13, 1997 a recount of the votes cast for the office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector was requested by candidate Gary Chapman.

Accordingly, pursuant to RSA 669:31, the time and date of the recount was set by Town Clerk Jane Ireland to be Monday, March 24, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. Appropriate notice of the scheduled recount was sent to Mr. Chapman and to the Board of Selectmen.

Elizabeth Yeaton was appointed to replace Jane Ireland on the Recount Board, by Moderator DeVries.

The Board of Recount was convened at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 24, 1997 in the Court Room of the Town Hall. Selectmen Joe Mills, Norman Katner, and Melvin Low, Moderator Sharon DeVries and Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Elizabeth Yeaton were present to serve as the Board of Recount.

Moderator Sharon DeVries explained the recount process. The entire Board of Recount agreed with the process as explained. Mrs. DeVries was unanimously elected Chairman of the Recount Board.

At 9:25 a.m. Mrs. Yeaton publicly broke the seals on the boxes of ballots. The recount process ensued. Neither candidate disputed any of the Board of Recount's decisions regarding votes cast.

RESULTS: Jane Ireland received 776 votes.

Gary Chapman received 764 votes.

No votes on that office = 17.

Total ballots cast = 1557.

RECEIVED
MAR 13 1997
9:15 AM
TOWN OF RYE
TOWN CLERK

Gary A. Chapman
106 Clark Road
Rye, NH 03870

March 13, 1997

Rye Town Clerk:

I am requesting a recount of the ballots cast in the Rye town elections, held March 11, 1997, for the office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector for which I was a candidate.

Enclosed is my check #2518 for the amount of ten dollars as required by RSA 669:31.

Sincerely,

Gary A. Chapman

Gary A. Chapman

GAC
Enclosure

COPY

TOWN OF RYE

10 Central Road

Rye, N.H. 03870

Jane E. Ireland
Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Telephone (603) 964-8562
Fax (603) 964-1516

March 13, 1997

Mr. Gary A. Chapman
106 Clark Road
Rye, NH 03870

Dear Gary:

Pursuant to RSA 669:31, please consider this letter to be your notification of a Recount of the ballots cast for the office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector at last Tuesday's Town Election.

The Recount shall be held on Monday, March 24, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Hall at 10 Central Road in Rye, New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

Jane E. Ireland

:jl

cc: Sharon N. DeVries, Moderator
Board of Selectmen

CERTIFIED MAIL; RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

The moderator announced there is a vacancy on the Budget Committee and anyone interested should apply in writing to the Chairman of the Budget Committee by March 20, 1997. The swearing in of those elected last Tuesday will take place after today's meeting.

Moderator DeVries introduced Melvin R. Low, incoming Selectman; Janet Thompson, the Selectmens' Administrative Assistant; Edward Herlihy, outgoing Selectman; Dr. Norman Katner and Joe Mills, Selectmen; Michael Donovan, Town Counsel; and Jane Ireland, Town Clerk.

Mrs. DeVries announced the results of Tuesday's election and advised a recount of the ballots cast for the office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be held on Monday, March 24, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. She explained the recount procedure.

The Water District Meeting is to be held March 29th at 10:00 a.m. The Rye Beach Precinct Meeting is to be April 8th. The School District Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 20th at 7:30 p.m.

Selectman Mills presented a plaque to outgoing Selectman Edward H. Herlihy in recognition of his service as a Rye Selectman for four years.

The moderator stated her rules for the meeting: Even though I makes the rules, she said, "It's your meeting. You are free to change the rules". All comments should be addressed through the moderator. You are invited to come to the microphone and identify yourself. You are all welcome and invited to speak. She asked that acrimony and accusations be kept to a minimum, saying we are here for debate in the spirit of our forefathers. A motion to end debate requires a two thirds vote. We will follow the warrant articles in order unless someone moves to take them out of order, and then we will vote on it. The sponsor of any article will generally be recognized first and then the issue will be open to the floor. You need to check in with the Checklist people and get a blue card and put your name on it, and that is what you'll raise when we vote today. Voting will be by a show of hands (cards) unless a secret ballot is required. When we have a secret ballot vote on Article 5, the ballot box will remain open a least one hour. Once you have voted, please return to your seat. We will continue debate on the subsequent articles. At the end of the hour we will stop, tabulate the votes, give the results, and then go on with other business. Five voters may request a secret ballot. Seven voters present may seek a secret ballot on a recount or reconsideration of a hand vote after the vote is declared.

Motions to amend must be in writing and presented to the moderator unless they're just one or two words. This legislative body may vote to restrict reconsideration of any vote taken and if you do vote to restrict reconsideration, that matter cannot be raised again at this meeting or an adjourned session of this meeting. The issue that has been restricted can only be raised at a new meeting no less than seven days later with proper advance notice being posted. When you vote to restrict reconsideration, you can leave here after the results of the vote are declared knowing the results will not be changed after you left the meeting. Motions for reconsideration must be made by someone on the prevailing side. Mrs. DeVries said she would entertain any motions anyone wishes to make.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred thousand dollars ($700,000) for the purpose of expanding and renovating the Rye Public Library, and to authorize the issuance of not more than seven hundred thousand dollars ($700,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereof, and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes, as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye.

THIS ARTICLE REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS BALLOT VOTE.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN.
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

It was **moved** by Bettey Tobey, seconded by Brian Klinger, to adopt Article 5.

The moderator called for discussion. Brian Klinger, Library Trustee, presented slides which depicted the plans for the proposed addition to the Library, including renovations to the existing building. He said if we start this fall, the project will be functional about this time next year. Mr. Klinger addressed the statements made by the Trustees two years ago when they said they were going to raise half of the money for this project, privately. The town's going to get a tremendous bargain - a million dollar library expansion program for only half a million of tax money. Thanks to the incredible generosity of hundreds of individuals and

families in Rye, just about all of that money has been raised. The total raised is $489,341.51. Of that total, $286,782.59 is in the bank. $100,000 is in an irrevocable trust which will come to the library, and the balance is in pledges. The other half of the money needs to come from town funds, he explained. We already have about $54,000 which previous Town Meetings have put into a capital reserve fund for the purpose of expanding the library, so the amount of new town money that's needed for this project is about $446,000. The law in New Hampshire says you cannot start a project like this unless you have all the funds available either in cash or in bonding authority, before you start. That's why, even though only $446,000 in new money is needed, the bonding authority has to be there for the full amount including the pledges and the trust. In effect, what has to happen, is the town lends itself the additional $200,000 to cover the pledges and the trust. When the pledges are paid and when the trust comes in, the town pays back the loan to itself.

Discussion and debate on Article 5 ensued.

Jane Langley **moved** to Table Article 5 so Article 6 could be debated first, seconded by Curt Lovellette. The moderator clarified that Article 5 must be voted on first. She called for a **vote** on the motion to Table Article 5. **Show of Hands. Motion to Table Article 5 failed.**

It was **moved** by Amy Pruszenski, seconded by Jack Tobey, to move the question. **Show of Hands. Motion to move the question passed.**

At 9:55 a.m. secret yes/no ballot voting began on Article 5. The meeting was called back to order at 10:20 a.m. At 11:05 a.m. the moderator declared the ballot box closed. The votes were tallied. RESULTS OF VOTE ON ARTICLE 5: YES = 244; NO = 44. (two-thirds majority is required to pass) ARTICLE 5 IS DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was **moved** by Mark Epply, seconded by Brian Klinger, to **restrict reconsideration** of Article 5. Show of Hands. **Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 5 is declared passed.**

It was **moved** by Jack Squires and seconded by Brian Klinger, to take Article 6 out of order. **Show of Hands. So voted.**

Article 6 was taken up after the results of Article 5 were declared.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Library Capital Reserve Library Construction Fund established 03/12/88 in the amount of Fifty-three thousand, six hundred twenty-nine dollars and ninety-three cents ($53,629.93) as of 12/31/96 plus accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal for the purpose of reducing the amount required for the library bond issue in Article 5.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

It was **moved** by William Ladrie, seconded by Edward Herlihy, to adopt Article 6.

Selectman Low **moved to amend** Article 6 as follows: To require the Selectmen to sell the Parsonage apartment building (1810) as recommended by the Parsonage Property Usage Committee as reported on page 113 of the 1996 Annual Report and to use the proceeds as follows:

1. To fund the amount needed for furniture and fixtures for the library addition.

2. To use the remaining balance to reduce the debt authorized at the 1995 town meeting to purchase property for library expansion.

Mr. Low's motion for the proposed amendment was seconded by Mr. Lovellette.

Following discussion on the proposed amendment, it was **moved** by Joe Mills to Table the amendment, seconded by Bettey Tobey. **Show of Hands. Amendment is declared Tabled.**

There being no further discussion, the moderator called for a vote on Article 6. **Show of Hands. Article 6, as written, is declared Adopted.**

It was **moved** by Ann O'Sullivan, seconded by William Ladrie, to **restrict reconsideration** of Article 6. **Show of Hands. Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 6 is declared Passed.**

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-one thousand, six hundred and sixty-four dollars ($61,664) for the purpose of purchasing a 1997 International Model 4900 4x2 truck with 5-7 yard dump body, DT-466 diesel engine, power reverse 11' front plow and 9' right hand wing plow and a stainless steel hopper type sander. Forty thousand dollars ($40,000) to be withdrawn from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and twenty-one thousand, six hundred and sixty-four dollars ($21,664) to be raised by general taxation.

THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN.
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

It was **moved** by Jack Tobey, seconded by William Ladrie, to adopt Article 7.

After discussion on the article, the moderator called for a vote. **Show of Hands. Results declared Unclear. Hand Count: Yes = 96; No = 85. Article 7 is declared Passed.**

It was **moved** by Jack Squires, seconded by William Ladrie, to **restrict reconsideration** of Article 7. **Show of Hands. Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 7 is declared Passed.**

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-two thousand dollars ($42,000) for the purpose of engineering, designing, and installing an overall drainage plan for the Town of Rye updating the current drainage system. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the overall drainage plan for the Town is completed or in five years (2002), whichever is less.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

It was **moved** by Jack Tobey, seconded by William Ladrie, to adopt Article 8.

Following brief discussion, the moderator called for a vote. **Show of Hands. Article 8 is declared Adopted.**

It was **moved** by Jack Squires, seconded by William Ladrie, to **restrict reconsideration** of Article 8. **Show of Hands. Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 8 is declared Passed.**

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) to begin to investigate, design, and construct an all purpose recreation field to be located in the Town recreation area. This will be a **non-lapsing** appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the all purpose recreation field is completed or in five years (2002), whichever is less.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

It was **moved** by Ellen Simmonds, seconded by Joe Mills, to adopt this article.

John Provencher, Recreation Commission Chairman, addressed Article 9, saying they are proposing doing a study to start another all purpose field to be used for soccer, baseball, softball or whatever.

There being no further discussion, the moderator called for a vote on Article 9. **Show of Hands. Article 9 is declared Adopted.**

It was **moved** by Jack Squires, seconded by William Ladrie, to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 9. **Show of Hands. Motion to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 9 is declared passed.**

It was **moved** by Jack Tobey and seconded by William Ladrie to take up Article 10 at a later time. **Show of Hands. So Voted.**

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to accept the budget submitted by the Budget Committee and pass any vote in relation thereto, and to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the calendar year 1997.

It was **moved** by Jack Tobey, seconded by William Ladrie, to Adopt Article 10.

A **motion** was made by Curt Lovellette, seconded by Jack Squires, to **amend Article 10** by reducing the budget by $30,000 for the handicapped elevator to be installed in Town Hall. After brief discussion, Moderator DeVries called for a **vote** on the **proposed amendment.** **Show of Hands. Amendment to reduced the budget by $30,000 for the handicapped elevator in Town Hall is declared Defeated.**

Selectman Herlihy **moved** to **amend Article 10** by reducing Fire Department salaries by $13,000, seconded by Selectman Katner. **Show of Hands. Amendment to reduce the budget by $13,000 for Fire Department Salaries is declared Passed.**

Selectman Herlihy **moved** to **amend Article 10** by reducing Dump Tipping fees by $10,000, seconded by Selectman Katner. **Show of Hands. Amendment to reduce the budget by $10,000 for Dump Tipping Fees is declared Passed.**

Budget Committee Clerk Jack Squires **moved to adopt** a bottom line budget in the amount of **$5,245,943.00**, seconded by Jack Tobey. **Show of Hands. Article 10 is declared adopted in the amount of $5,245,943.00.**

It was **moved** and seconded to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 10. **Show of Hands. Motion to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 10 is declared Passed.**

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public road **LIBBY LANE** (located off Washington Road) as shown on Subdivision Plan for Ferwerda Subdivision in Rye, NH, dated April, 1995, and recorded at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. D-24249. This acceptance is conditioned upon the Town receiving the final approval of the Town's Public Works Director, the Board of Selectmen, and the Planning Board.

It was **moved** by Jack Tobey and seconded my William Ladrie to adopt Article 11.

It was **moved** by Joan Dawley, seconded by William Ladrie, to **amend** Article 11 by correcting the spelling of Libby Lane to **LIBBEY LANE.** **Show of Hands. Amendment to Article 11 is declared Passed.**

The moderator called for a **vote** on Article 11, as amended. **Show of Hands. Article 11, as amended, is declared Adopted.**

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public road **RANDS LANE** (located off Wallis Road) as shown on Subdivision Plan-Phase II for Wallis Sands Development, L.L.C., Rye, NH, dated February, 1996, and recorded at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. D-24742. This acceptance is conditioned upon the Town receiving the final approval of the Town's Public Works Director, the Board of Selectmen, and the Planning Board.

Selectman Mills **moved** to waive the reading of Article 12, seconded by Selectman Herlihy. **Show of Hands. Reading of Article 12 is declared Waived.**

No discussion. **Show of Hands. Article 12 is declared Adopted.**

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public road **VICTORY LANE** (located off Rock Orchard Lane) as shown on Subdivision Plan for Glenn and Prudence Trefethen, dated April, 1994, and recorded at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan D-23974. This acceptance is conditioned upon the Town receiving the final approval of the Town's Public Works Director, the Board of Selectmen, and the Planning Board.

Selectman Mills **moved** to waive the reading of Article 13, seconded by Selectman Herlihy.

No discussion. **Show of Hands. Article 13 is declared Adopted.**

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote in favor of plowing private roads in Rye and charging a fee for this service beginning this year (1997). The private roads are as follows:

Adams Trailer Park	Locke's Neck	Walker Lane
Alan Court	Port Way [Bean Alley]	Wildwood Lane
Bass Drive	Spruce Drive	Williams Street
Foss Circle	Sunset Drive	

It was **moved** by Selectman Herlihy, seconded by Mr. Mills, to adopt Article 14.

David Kornechuk read a letter from property owners on Port Way and **motioned to amend Article 14** by striking Port Way (Bean Alley) from the list, seconded by Bettey Tobey. **Show of Hands. Article 14 is declared amended by striking Port Way (Bean Alley) from the list.)**

Discussion ensued. Paul Schrier asked why the Town was getting into the plowing service. Selectman Herlihy offered some history on the issue, concluding by saying he felt this matter was best brought up at Town Meeting since it is this meeting which approves acceptance of roads. He felt the issues are 1) liability

to the town, 2) what fees should be charged and 3) the implied acceptance of sub-standard roads.

Selectman Katner said the town is permitted to plow private roads, however the people deriving the benefit of that plowing must, by state law, re-imburse the town for that cost. This has been an on-going problem for many years. The feeling was that putting this on the Town Warrant would once and for all settle the question relative to the plowing of private roads.

In response to a question from Lester Stevens, Dr. Katner said state law says you must charge for the service if you plow private roads. There would be no choice. The amount depends upon the cost analysis done by the Director of Public Works.

George Wood pointed out the people at Locke's Neck are primarily summer people who pay very high taxes and put very little demand on the school system or the Police and Fire Departments. He said he was sympathetic to their need, but he asked logistical questions regarding the collection of the fees for this service.

Joe Mills said this would all have to be agreed upon with the residents and the fee schedule set up, before we plow. Lockes' Neck Association has already agreed they will collect it all and one person would be responsible. Mr. Mills went on to say the only one that is a private road is Locke's Neck, as far as he is concerned. The rest of them are not private roads because you are not prohibited from driving on that street.

Mr. Wood ascertained from Mr. Mills these roads are not accepted roads, even though the residents would like them to be, because they are not up to standard. Mr. Mills stated he believed it would be proper to entertain a motion to have these streets accepted as town roads, which, with the exception of Locke's Neck, would take all of them off the list.

Town Counsel Michael Donovan ruled an amendment to accept these as town roads would not be proper for this town meeting because it would not have been duly warned. It would have to be a warrant article similar to the ones on Rands Lane and Libbey Lane that were just voted on by the town.

Stacy Smith said there are people who do this for a living and the town should not be competing with them.

Charles Sleeper asked about liability to the town.

William Ladrie stated the town would need a legal document protecting us from this liability.

Joe Vozella spoke regarding Alan Court and the problems with that road. He asked the Selectmen what happens between Route 1A to this dirt path of Alan Court. How do we get that path plowed?

Mr. Mills responded that at the present time we are plowing Alan Court.

Ann O'Sullivan felt we are premature in voting today and we need a legal opinion as to whether or not these road are already public roads.

Jane Langley asked about obtaining liability insurance.

Mr. Mills answered that Locke's Neck Association has agreed to furnish us with liability insurance and the other streets are not private roads because there are no restrictions on using them.

Selectman Herlihy read an opinion from Town Counsel dated June 5, 1996 regarding the legal status of Alan Court. Alan Court is clearly a private way. That position was affirmed by the court, stating "the court finds Alan Court a private way to be owned up to the middle line by each of the owners of parcel ....".

Pat Wood recalled seeing signs at Foss Circle and at Locke's Neck saying "Private Way". She asked did everyone at Foss Circle write a letter and say they wanted plowing? Did everyone who lives on all of these roads request to have their road plowed and to pay for it? In reply Chairman Mills said he did not know who composed the list of the roads. Janet Thompson said the list came from our Highway Director and the Fire Chief.

Guy Buesing was concerned when the government gets into private business, we have more and more problems. Whether or not it is fair or not is not a town issue. Those people should be talking with private enterprises.

Jane Langley submitted an **amendment** adding the following at the end of the first sentence in Article 14: provided appropriate releases and waivers of liability are prepared and signed. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stram.

Mr. Tobey clarified the difference between insurance and waivers of liability.

The moderator called for a vote on the amendment. **Show of Hands. Amendment to Article 14 is declared Defeated.**

The moderator called for a vote on Article 14, as written. **Show of Hands. Article 14 is declared Defeated.**

It was **moved** by Mr. Schrier to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 14, seconded by Mr. Ladrie. **Show of hands. Motion to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 14 is declared Passed.**

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town of Rye, NH, will vote to authorize the establishment of a recreation revolving fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2, II. The money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town of Rye's general surplus. The treasurer of the Town of Rye will have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Recreation Commission. Such funds shall be expended only for purposes authorized by RSA 35-B and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of, or create a liability upon, other Town of Rye funds which have not been appropriated to that purpose.

It was **moved** by William Ladrie, seconded by Alice Provencher, to adopt Article 15.

Deborah Bergeron said this article would allow the Recreation Commission to accept donations.

The moderator called for a vote. **Show of Hands. Article 15 is declared Adopted.**

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following: Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Rye, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, effective January 1, 1998, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, $15,000; for a person 75 years up to 80 years, $20,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, $25,000? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $28,400, or, if married, a combined net income of less than $35,400; and own assets not in excess of $60,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

MAJORITY BALLOT VOTE REQUIRED

It was **moved** by Selectman Mills, seconded by Mr. Herlihy, to adopt Article 16.

Selectman Katner explained the current elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Rye, and what exemptions would be mandated by the state if we do nothing. He said we tried to estimate what the average social security payment was for both single and married and add that to a base to produce an income level, including social security, that we felt would help those senior citizens who have the lowest revenues in our community.

The moderator called for a vote on Article 16. **Secret Yes/No Ballot Vote. Results: Yes = 131; No = 5. Article 16 is declared Adopted.**

It was **moved** by Paula Snyder, seconded by Mr. Ladrie, to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 16. **Show of Hands. Motion to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 16 is declared Passed.**

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following Ordinance enacted by the Selectmen at their June 17, 1996, meeting enforcing the Litter Control Law against those who cast circulars, newspapers and other printed matter on public or private property without permission:

WHEREAS, RSA 163-B:3 establishes that it is unlawful for any person to dump, deposit, throw or leave or cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving of litter on any public or private property without the consent of the owner or tenant in lawful possession of the property; and

WHEREAS, RSA 163-B:2 defines litter as meaning all rubbish, refuse, garbage, trash, debris, dead animals or other discarded materials; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Rye has determined that circulars, handbills, dodgers, newspapers, paper, booklets, posters, other printed matter or advertising literature of any kind when thrown, cast, dropped or deposited in any manner in any public place or on any yard, grounds, porch, vestibule, doorstep, or public hallway of private property without the consent of the property owner, constitute discarded material.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT:
A. The Town of Rye Police Department is hereby directed to enforce the Litter Control Law (RSA Chapter 163-B) against any person who throws, casts, drops, places or otherwise deposits or who causes the throwing, casting, dropping, placement or deposit of circulars, handbills, dodgers, newspapers, paper, booklets, posters, other printed matter or advertising literature: (1) on streets and other ways, town parks, public beaches and other town property without

the consent of the Board of Selectmen; or (2) on any privately owned yard, grounds, porch, vestibule, doorstep or common hallway without the consent of the property owner or tenant in lawful possession.

B. For all applications of this ordinance, it shall be presumed that the deposit of such material is without the consent of the property owners or tenant in lawful possession, and the burden shall be on the person(s) depositing such material or causing the deposit of such material to produce evidence of consent.

C. The following shall be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance:

1. Circulars, newspapers, bulletins or other printed matter to which an occupant of private property subscribes.

2. Printed matter of any type which is affixed to a door or doorway in a lawful manner.

3. Printed matter placed in a receptacle or container in accordance with RSA-B:3, II.

D. The provisions of this ordinance are severable. If any provision herein is determined to be unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.

E. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after passage.

It was **moved** by Jane Ireland, seconded by Joe Mills, to waive the further reading of Article 17. **Show of Hands. Motion to waive further reading of Article 17 is declared Passed.**

The moderator called for discussion on Article 17.

In reply to a question from Mrs. Menson, Selectman Mills said we have a litter ordinance in effect now. This was created primarily because of circulars that are delivered into newspaper tubes and end up lying all over the ground.

Jack Squires wanted to know if this covers political signs, to which Atty. Donovan replied it does not.

Bob Vincent asked if this would preclude Chief Loomis from putting parking tickets on vehicles, or the court from posting legal notices on buildings and so forth. Atty. Donovan ruled it does not.

The moderator called for a vote on Article 17. **Show of Hands. Article 17 is declared Adopted.**

It was **moved** by Paula Snyder, seconded by Mr. Ladrie, to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 17. **Show of Hands. Motion to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 17 is declared Passed.**

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19. **This authorization is valid until rescinded.**

It was **moved** by Charles Sleeper, seconded by William Ladrie, to adopt Article 18.

The moderator called for a vote on Article 18. **Show of Hands. Article 18 is declared Adopted.**

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder at public auction, or sealed bid, such surplus Town equipment as is not traded in on new equipment in 1997.

It was **moved** by Charles Sleeper, seconded by Jack Tobey, to adopt Article 19.

The moderator called for a vote on Article 19. **Show of Hands. Article 19 is declared Adopted.**

ARTICLE 20. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Jack Tobey **moved to Adjourn**, seconded by Mr. Ladrie.

So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Ireland
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

A true record, ATTEST:

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Town Clerk/Tax Collector
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
FOR THE TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

OCTOBER 14, 1997

At 7:15 pm on October 14, 1997 at the Rye Junior High School gymnasium, Moderator Sharon DeVries called the Special Town Meeting to order. Mrs. DeVries stated her rules for the meeting: "This is your meeting, and you may change and overrule any rule I make, by a majority vote." She asked that comments be addressed through her, and that speakers come to the microphone and identify themselves. We are here to debate the issues which are set out in the warrant. Moderator DeVries said she would attempt to recognize all speakers in the order which she sees them, and would not accept a motion to end debate until the speakers previously recognized have been permitted to speak. A motion to end debate requires a two thirds vote. We will vote by a show of hands unless a secret ballot is requested by five voters present, in writing, before the vote is taken on the article. Seven voters make seek a secret ballot on a recount or reconsideration after the results are declared. Motions to amend must be in writing and presented to us here at the podium. With regard to motions to restrict reconsideration, if you wish to leave tonight knowing that vote on an article will not change, you need to move to restrict reconsideration of the article. She said she would entertain any reasonable motion.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to retain ownership for future town use of the Old Parsonage Apartments building which is not to be demolished for library expansion, including the parcel of land bounded by the library, the new library parking lot, Olde Parish Road and Washington Road?

It was moved by Bill Ladrie, seconded by Jane Holway, to adopt Article 1.

The moderator called for discussion on Article 1.

Ralph Morang, from the Rye Historical Society, showed some slides of the property to illustrate the Rye Historical Society's position on the article. The slides depicted the 1810 Parsonage on Washington Road (now an apartment building), and behind it the 1738 Parsonage building which is the building the Rye Historical Society would use as a museum. The 1738 house has to be moved and where it goes is part of what is in these articles tonight. Mr. Morang showed a computer generated slide which depicted the way the property would look should the 1738 building be moved to the proposed Washington Road location, next to the 1810 Parsonage.

Alex Herlihy, also from the Rye Historical Society, explained the point of view of the Historical Society, saying they were very grateful to the town for giving them the building to manage and operate as a museum, and the most appropriate location for this museum would be on Washington Road. He said their second choice would be the site on Central Road in front of the cemetery, and the least desirable site would be Olde Parish Road.

Bob Papp suggested the most critical item tonight is where we put the small parsonage because the Library wants to get started. What we do with the sub-divided property is almost secondary, he said. He went through the various options available to the town with regard to the 1810 Parsonage and concluded that we ought to back up and look at all the options available, and present those options to Town Meeting. He warned that if we allow the 1738 Parsonage to go on that front property, we have then frozen ourselves out of the option to sell, if that's what we ever chose to do.

Donald Philbrick, Planning Board Chairman, proposed the following **Amendment to Article 1:**

" To add to Article 1: In addition, the Planning Board shall present to the 1999 Regular Town Meeting a detailed analysis of options available for the property, including potential sales, based upon expert determinations of financial, future potential and legal ramifications together with a warrant article which represents their opinion of the best option for the town. A progress report shall be tendered at the next Town Meeting."

Bob Papp seconded the motion to amend Article 1.

David Warlick recommended we retain ownership of the property in order to solve future town facility problems.

Jane Holway spoke about maintenance problems incurred with the ownership of old buildings, and about the non binding resolution accepted by the 1995 Town Meeting which resolved Rye should not be an apartment landlord for an extended time and which resolved a citizens committee be appointed to make recommendations on how the property should be used. Ms. Holway said she was on that first Parsonage Property Usage Committee and their recommendations were never acted on. She felt we should not put this off for another year.

Selectman Mel Low said he also served on the PPUC and they had recommended the selling of the 1810 property because the number one usage of the property is housing. He said the building is in crying need of an investor and it only appraised out at $275,000 because of the physical deterioration. Selectman Low spoke of the Housing Partnership which could renovate the property as affordable housing.

Mr. Low **moved to amend** the amendment to "that the Planning Board shall report back to the 1998 Town Meeting". Jane Holway seconded his motion to amend the amendment to Article 1.

Bonnie Goodwin said she was voting to save the property and put the museum up on Washington Road.

Brian Klinger asked the Selectmen if the 1810 building is structurally sound or is it going to need a lot of money spent on it to make it safe and structurally sound?

Selectmen Joseph Mills said a structural engineer went through it last Thursday and the engineer reported to the Board that the building is structurally sound and is better than some of the buildings he's seen at that age. He said we could use it as housing now, or, if you wanted to use it as offices you would have to shore up the bottom.

Selectman Low said the engineer advised against the use of office space because of the carrying timbers. You would end up with very small offices in that building. It costs a tremendous amount of money to do that.

Mr. Klinger asked Town Attorney Michael Donovan if the wording of Article 1 would allow the Selectmen to demolish the 1810 building and retain the land if they determined that was the best use of the property.

Atty. Donovan replied that if the Selectmen thought it was advisable to demolish the building, they would have to come back to the Town Meeting to do this because this article implies that the Old Parsonage building is kept as a property.

David Warlick reiterated that we need to decide the new location for the 1738 parsonage tonight. If we don't vote to keep the land, then it has to be either option 2 - down by the town hall, or option 3 - in front of the new library.

Paula Snyder pointed out the parcel of land is very small, only 17,000 square feet. She asked where the apartment dwellers would park if we relocate the small building up to the front of the small parcel. Mrs. Snyder said the PPUC recommended the building be moved to the Olde Parish Road location.

Selectman Katner said he did not think the cost of replacing the deck and the fire escape is going to break the Town of Rye. We have about $63,000 in a fund because we were directed to put the money from the rentals into a special fund. He said he did not get the impression from Mr. Burns that structurally the house had a problem. The house itself is in better condition than many he has seen in the City of Portsmouth. Dr. Katner said he believed he would want to check out what's going on in Strafford County with the Housing organization relative to payment of taxes. He stated that we have had no complaints from anyone in those apartments relative to their condition since the time we've owned the building.

Priscilla Patrick suggested the town look into a lease arrangement as a solution.

Selectman Low said there is New Hampshire Housing Finance money available and they can lease up to twenty years.

Frank Drake urged a yes vote on Article 1, and a no vote on Article 2.

Guy Chichester voiced his concern for the people living in those apartments. He spoke in favor of the 1999 amendment.

Selectmen Katner supported the 1999 amendment.

Selectmen Mills declared the people living in the apartments are very happy and proud to be living there. Mr. Cook has done a wonderful job managing the apartment building for us, he said. He recommended the 1738 building be moved to the Washington Road location, and retain ownership of the 1810 Parsonage.

Barbara Tompkins **moved the question.** The moderator called for a vote. Show of Hands. Moderator DeVries declared the motion passed.

The moderator restated the amendment and called for a **vote on Amendment 2 (1998). Show of Hands. Amendment 2 is declared DEFEATED.**

The moderator called for a **vote on Amendment 1 (1999). Show of Hands.** **Amendment 1 is declared DEFEATED.**

The moderator called for a **vote on Article 1, as written. Show of Hands.** **Article 1 is declared ADOPTED.**

Brian Klinger **moved** to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 1, seconded by Marcie Mills. Show of hands. **Motion to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 1 is declared Passed.**

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the Old Parsonage Apartments building which is not to be demolished for library expansion, including the parcel of land bounded by the library, the new library parking lot, Olde Parish Road and Washington Road? The sale may be accomplished by whatever method the selectmen deem to be in the prudential interest of the Town?

It was **moved** and seconded to Adopt Article 2.

Bob Papp **moved** to Table Article 2, seconded by Gary Dodds.

The moderator called for a **vote** on the motion to Table Article 2. Show of Hands. **Motion to Table Article 2 is declared DEFEATED.**

The moderator called for a **vote on Article 2, as written. Show of Hands.** **Article 2 is declared DEFEATED.**

Bill Ladrie **moved** to restrict reconsideration of Article 2. His motion was duly seconded. Show of Hands. **Motion to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 2 is declared Passed.**

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to relocate the existing two story building which must be relocated as part of the library expansion to a site at the corner of Olde Parish Road and Washington Road, across Olde Parish Road from the Fire Station? (Note: This Article not to be voted on if Article 2 is adopted.)

It was **moved** by Joseph Mills, seconded by Mr. Low, to adopt Article 3.

Don Osborne warned about the limits passage of this article would place on the possible future uses of the 1810 Parsonage building. He spoke in support of Article 4.

After discussion with regard to the best future location of the 1738 Parsonage, the moderator called for a **vote on Article 3. Hand Count: Yes = 78; No = 94.** **Article 3 is declared DEFEATED.**

It was **moved** by Paula Snyder, seconded by Jane Langley, to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 3. **Show of Hands.** **Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 3 is declared Passed.**

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to relocate the existing two story building which must be relocated as part of the library expansion to a site on Olde Parish Road, just northerly of the new library parking lot?

It was **moved** by Mr. Low, seconded by Mr. Mills, to adopt Article 4.

There being no discussion, the moderator called for a **vote on Article 4. Show of Hands.** **Article 4 is declared ADOPTED.**

It was **moved** by Barbara Tompkins, seconded by Paula Snyder, to restrict reconsideration of Article 4. Show of Hands. **Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 4 is declared Passed.**

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to relocate the existing two story building which must be relocated as part of the library expansion to a site on Central Road, next to the Town Hall and in front of the cemetery?

It was **moved** by Joseph Mills, seconded by Melvin Low, to adopt Article 5.

There being no discussion, the moderator called for a **vote on Article 5. Show of Hands.** **Article 5 is declared DEFEATED.**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the moderator called for a motion to adjourn. So moved.

Meeting ADJOURNED at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Ireland
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

A true record, ATTEST:

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Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF RYE

10 CENTRAL ROA
RYE, N.H. 0387
603-964-980

AMEMDMEMT TO WARRANT ARTICLE 1 OF SPECIAL RYE, NH TOWN MEETING OF 10/14/97

ADD TO ARTICLE 1:

IN ADDITION, THE PLANNING BOARD SHALL PRESENT TO THE 1999 REGULAR TOWN MEETING A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE PROPERTY, INCLUDING POTENTIAL SALES, BASED UPON EXPERT DETERMINATIONS OF FINANCIAL, FUTURE POTENTIAL AND LEGAL REMIFICATIONS TOGETHER WITH A WARRANT ARTICLE WHICH REPRESENTS THEIR OPINION OF THE BEST OPTION FOR THE TOWN. A PROGRESS REPORT SHALL BE TENDERED AT THE NEXT TOWN MEETING.

RYE PLANNING BOARD

By: DONALD PHILBRICK, CHAIRMAN

Date: October 14, 1997

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
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CITY/TOWN TOWN OF RYE

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

TAX YEAR OF 1997 IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. RSA 21-J:34

JOSEPH G. MILLS, JR., Chairman

DR. NORMAN C. KATNER, Vice Chairman Selectmen of Town of Rye

Date September 10, 1997

(Please Sign in Ink)

MELVIN R. LOW

REPORTS REQUIRED: RSA 21-J:34, as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon blanks prescribed for that purpose.

Return this completed Summary Inventory form to the Dept. of Revenue Administration, P.O.Box 1122, Concord, NH 03302-1122 by September 1st.

You may duplicate Page 5 for each district whose valuation differs from the Town/City valuation: please note the name of the district at the top of each Page 5 provided. Thank you.

PENALTY: FAILURE TO FILE BY SEPTEMBER 1st MAY RESULT IN $5.00 PER DAY PENALTY FOR EACH DAY'S DELAY. (RSA 21-J:36)

NOTE: PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE INFORMATION ON PAGE 3 AND 4 (ALSO PAGE 5, IF APPLICABLE) OF THIS REPORT.

Revised 1997

Name of Municipality: TOWN OF RYE

MS-1

LAND / BUILDINGS	(Items 1A, B, C & D)-List all improved and unimproved land (include wells, septics & paving) / (Items 2A, B & C)-List all buildings	ACRES	19 97 ASSESSED VALUATION	For Use By Dept. of Revenue (Prior Year Valuation)
1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed in Items 3,4,5 & 6 A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) (RSA 79-A)		1467.77	$ 124,300	
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) (RSA 79-b)			$	
C. Residential			$ 263,606,651	
D. Commercial/Industrial			$ 24,551,500	
E. Total of Taxable Land (A, B, C & D)			$ 288,282,451	
F. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable ($ 30,430,550)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2. VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Items 3,4,5 & 6 A. Residential			223,435,028	
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31			1,227,950	
C. Commercial/Industrial			13,802,000	
D. Total of Taxable Buildings (A, B & C)			238,464,978	
E. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable ($ 17,215,300)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3. PUBLIC WATER UTILITY - Privately owned water company serving public (RSA 72:11 & 72:12)			$ 1,369,139	
4. PUBLIC UTILITIES - Value of all property used in production, transmission and distribution	4. Gas ➤➤➤➤➤➤➤➤➤➤		$	
5. including production machinery, land, land rights, easements, etc. Furnish breakdown by individual	5. Electric➤➤➤➤➤➤➤➤➤		$ 5,300,948	
6. company in space provided on page 3. (RSA 72:12)	6. Oil Pipeline➤➤➤➤➤➤➤		$	
7. Mature Wood and Timber (RSA 79:5)			$	
8. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of 1E, 2D, 3,4,5, 6 & 7)			$ 533,417,516	
9. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	(Number 5) $ 15,000		$ 75,000	
10. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39, 72:43-b, 72:43-f & 72:43-h	(Number 22) $ 280,000		$ 280,000	
11. Physically handicapped Exemption RSA 72:37-a	(Number) $		$	
12. Totally & Permanently Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	(Number) $		$	
13. Solar/Windpower Exemption RSA 72:62 & 72:66	(Number 5) $ 12,580		$ 12,580	
14. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23	(Number) $		$	
15. Water/Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	(Number) $		$	
16. Wood Heating Energy System Exemption	(Number) $		$	
17. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Items 9 to 16)			$ 367,580	
18. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED (Item 8 minus 17)			$ 533,049,936	

Name of Municipality: TOWN OF RYE

MS-1

LIST REVENUES RECEIVED FROM PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES The amounts listed in this section should not be included in assessed valuation column on page 2.	MUNICIPALITY	PER RSA 362-A:6,III Amount Apportioned To SCHOOL
19. State and Federal Forest Land, Recreation, and/or Flood Control Land From MS-4, acct. 3356 & 3357	$	XXXXXXXXXX
20. Other From MS-4, acct. 3186:	$	$
21. Other From MS-4, acct. 3186:	$	$
22. Other From MS-4, acct. 3186:	$	$

TAX CREDITS	Limits	Number of Individuals	ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS
23. Paraplegic, double amputees owning specially adapted homesteads with V.A. assistance	Unlimited		EXEMPT
24. Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty	$700/$1,400	10	$ 14,000
25. Other war service credits	$50/$100	473	$ 47,300
26. Other credits (wood, solar, etc)	XXXXXX		$
27. TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT	XXXXXX	483	$ 61,300

ELDERLY EXEMPTION REPORT

NUMBER OF APPLICANTS WITH INITIAL APPLICATION FOR ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR CURRENT YEAR			TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED AN ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR			
AGE	#	AMOUNT	AGE	#	AMOUNT	TOTAL
65 - 74	15	$ 150,000	65 - 74	1	$ 10,000	$ 10,000
75 - 79	2	$ 30,000	75 - 79	–	$ –	$ –
80+	5	$ 100,000	80+	–	$ –	$ –
****	****	****	TOTAL*	1	10,000	$ 10,000
	22	280,000	(* must agree with amount on page 2, item 10)			

UTILITY SUMMARY: ELECTRIC GAS & PIPELINE COMPANY

Insert valuation of plant used in production, distribution and transmission. The total in each column should agree with the totals listed under the corresponding items on Page 2 of this report. (RSA 72:8)

NAME OF COMPANY	GAS Item 4, Page 2	ELECTRIC Item 5, Page 2	OIL PIPELINE Item 6, Page 2
SEE ATTACHMENT			
TOTAL			

Name of Municipality: TOWN OF RYE

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CURRENT USE REPORT - RSA 79-A

	# ACRES RECEIVING CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT	OTHER CURRENT USE STATISTICS	# OF ACRES
FARM LAND	251.263	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	0
FOREST LAND	668.21	REMOVED FROM CURRENT USE DURING CURRENT YEAR	1.53
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	94.20	# OF OWNERS GRANTED CURRENT USE	5
WET LAND	454.09	# OF PARCELS IN CURRENT USE	119
TOTAL	1,467.77	****	****

CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT REPORT - RSA 79-B

NONE

	# ACRES RECEIVING CONS. RES. ASSMNT.	OTHER CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT STATISTICS	# OF ACRES
FARM LAND		RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	
FOREST LAND		REMOVED FROM CONS. RES. ASSMNT. DURING CURRENT YEAR	
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND		# OF OWNERS GRANTED CONS. RESTRICTION	
WET LAND		# OF PARCELS IN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	
TOTAL			

DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS - RSA 79-C

NONE

# OF ACRES IN DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	# OF OWNERS GRANTED DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS GRANTED: (I.E. GOLF COURSE, BALL PARK. ETC.) *(THIS SECTION OPTIONAL)*
		1.
****	****	2.
****	****	3.

Name of Municipality TOWN OF RYE - #1

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LAND / BUILDINGS	(Items 1A, B, C & D)-List all improved and unimproved land (include wells, septics & paving) / (Items 2A, B & C)-List all buildings	ACRES	19 97 ASSESSED VALUATION	For Use By Dept. of Revenue (Prior Year Valuation)
1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed in Items 3,4,5 & 6 A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) (RSA 79-A)		190.65	$ 11,050	
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) (RSA 79-b)			$	
C. Residential			$ 8,155,100	
D. Commercial/Industrial			$ 3,442,800	
E. Total of Taxable Land (A, B, C & D)			$ 11,608,950	
F. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable ($ 2,664,848)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2. VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Items 3,4,5 & 6 A. Residential			8,058,100	
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31			1,227,950	
C. Commercial/Industrial			2,170,400	
D. Total of Taxable Buildings (A, B & C)			11,456,450	
E. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable ($ 16,790,150)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3. PUBLIC WATER UTILITY - Privately owned water company serving public (RSA 72:11 & 72:12)			$	
4. PUBLIC UTILITIES - Value of all property used in production, transmission and distribution	4. Gas >>>>>>>>>>>		$ 1,369,139	
5. including production machinery, land, land rights, easements, etc. Furnish breakdown by individual	5. Electric>>>>>>>>>>		$ 5,300,948	
6. company in space provided on page 3. (RSA 72:12)	6. Oil Pipeline>>>>>>>>		$	
7. Mature Wood and Timber (RSA 79:5)			$	
8. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of 1E, 2D, 3,4,5, 6 & 7)			$ 29,735,487	
9. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	(Number) $		$	
10. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39, 72:43-b, 72:43-f & 72:43-h	(Number 4) $ 50,000		$ 50,000	
11. Physically handicapped Exemption RSA 72:37-a	(Number) $		$	
12. Totally & Permanently Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	(Number) $		$	
13. Solar/Windpower Exemption RSA 72:62 & 72:66	(Number) $		$	
14. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23	(Number) $		$	
15. Water/Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	(Number) $		$	
16. Wood Heating Energy System Exemption	(Number) $		$	
17. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Items 9 to 16)			$ 50,000	
18. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED (Item 8 minus 17)			$ 29,685,487	

Name of Municipality: TOWN OF RYE - RYE BEACH PRECINCT - #2

MS-1

LAND BUILDINGS	(Items 1A, B, C & D)-List all improved and unimproved land (include wells, septics & paving) (Items 2A, B & C)-List all buildings	ACRES	1997 ASSESSED VALUATION	For Use By Dept. of Revenue (Prior Year Valuation)
1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed in Items 3,4,5 & 6 A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) (RSA 79-A)		38.27	$ 2,600	
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) (RSA 79-b)			$	
C. Residential			$ 28,700,133	
D. Commercial/Industrial			$ 4,644,000	
E. Total of Taxable Land (A, B, C & D)			$ 33,346,733	
F. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable ($)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2. VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Items 3,4,5 & 6 A. Residential			27,553,400	
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31				
C. Commercial/Industrial			2,821,100	
D. Total of Taxable Buildings (A, B & C)			30,374,500	
E. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable ($)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3. PUBLIC WATER UTILITY - Privately owned water company serving public (RSA 72:11 & 72:12)			$	
4. PUBLIC UTILITIES - Value of all property used in production, transmission and distribution	4. Gas >>>>>>>>>>>		$	
5. including production machinery, land, land rights, easements, etc. Furnish breakdown by individual	5. Electric>>>>>>>>>		$	
6. company in space provided on page 3. (RSA 72:12)	6. Oil Pipeline>>>>>>>		$	
7. Mature Wood and Timber (RSA 79:5)			$	
8. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of 1E, 2D, 3,4,5, 6 & 7)			$ 63,721,233	
9. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	(Number 1) $ 15,000		$ 15,000	
10. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39, 72:43-b, 72:43-f & 72:43-h	(Number) $		$	
11. Physically handicapped Exemption RSA 72:37-a	(Number) $		$	
12. Totally & Permanently Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	(Number) $		$	
13. Solar/Windpower Exemption RSA 72:62 & 72:66	(Number) $		$	
14. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23	(Number) $		$	
15. Water/Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	(Number) $		$	
16. Wood Heating Energy System Exemption	(Number) $		$	
17. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Items 9 to 16)			$ 15,000	
18. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED (Item 8 minus 17)			$ 63,706,233	

Name of Municipality: TOWN OF RYE - JENNESS BEACH PRECINCT - #3

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LAND / BUILDINGS	(Items 1A, B, C & D)-List all improved and unimproved land (include wells, septics & paving) / (Items 2A, B & C)-List all buildings	ACRES	19 97 ASSESSED VALUATION	For Use By Dept. of Revenue (Prior Year Valuation)
1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed in Items 3,4,5 & 6 A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) (RSA 79-A)		34.08	$ 2,750	
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) (RSA 79-b)			$	
C. Residential			$ 64,458,125	
D. Commercial/Industrial			$ 2,802,425	
E. Total of Taxable Land (A, B, C & D)			$ 67,263,300	
F. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable ($ 62,950)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2. VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Items 3,4,5 & 6 A. Residential			42,011,528	
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31				
C. Commercial/Industrial			1,598,100	
D. Total of Taxable Buildings (A, B & C)			43,609,628	
E. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable ($)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3. PUBLIC WATER UTILITY - Privately owned water company serving public (RSA 72:11 & 72:12)			$	
4. PUBLIC UTILITIES - Value of all property used in production, transmission and distribution	4. Gas >>>>>>>>>>>		$	
5. including production machinery, land, land rights, easements, etc. Furnish breakdown by individual	5. Electric>>>>>>>>>		$	
6. company in space provided on page 3. (RSA 72:12)	6. Oil Pipeline>>>>>>>		$	
7. Mature Wood and Timber (RSA 79:5)			$	
8. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of 1E, 2D, 3,4,5, 6 & 7)			$ 110,872,928	
9. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	(Number 2) $ 30,000		$ 30,000	
10. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39, 72:43-b, 72:43-f & 72:43-h	(Number 3) $ 40,000		$ 40,000	
11. Physically handicapped Exemption RSA 72:37-a	(Number) $		$	
12. Totally & Permanently Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	(Number) $		$	
13. Solar/Windpower Exemption RSA 72:62 & 72:66	(Number) $		$	
14. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23	(Number) $		$	
15. Water/Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	(Number) $		$	
16. Wood Heating Energy System Exemption	(Number) $		$	
17. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Items 9 to 16)			$ 70,000	
18. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED (Item 8 minus 17)			$ 110,802,928	

Name of Municipality: TOWN OF RYE - RYE WATER DISTRICT - #4 MS-1

LAND BUILDINGS	(Items 1A, B, C & D)-List all improved and unimproved land (include wells, septics & paving) (Items 2A, B & C)-List all buildings	ACRES	19 97 ASSESSED VALUATION	For Use By Dept. of Revenue (Prior Year Valuation)
1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed in Items 3,4,5 & 6 A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) (RSA 79-A)		1204.77	$ 107,900	
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) (RSA 79-b)			$	
C. Residential			$ 162,293,293	
D. Commercial/Industrial			$ 13,662,275	
E. Total of Taxable Land (A, B, C & D)			$ 176,063,468	
F. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable ($ 721,200)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2. VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Items 3,4,5 & 6 A. Residential			145,812,000	
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31				
C. Commercial/Industrial			7,212,400	
D. Total of Taxable Buildings (A, B & C)			153,024,400	
E. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable ($ 425,150)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3. PUBLIC WATER UTILITY - Privately owned water company serving public (RSA 72:11 & 72:12)			$	
4. PUBLIC UTILITIES - Value of all property used in production, transmission and distribution including production machinery, land, land rights, easements, etc. Furnish breakdown by individual company in space provided on page 3. (RSA 72:12)	4. Gas >>>>>>>>>>>		$	
	5. Electric>>>>>>>>>		$	
	6. Oil Pipeline>>>>>>>		$	
7. Mature Wood and Timber (RSA 79:5)			$	
8. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of 1E, 2D, 3,4,5, 6 & 7)			$ 329,087,868	
9. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	(Number 2) $ 30,000		$ 30,000	
10. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39, 72:43-b, 72:43-f & 72:43-h	(Number 15) $ 190,000		$ 190,000	
11. Physically handicapped Exemption RSA 72:37-a	(Number) $		$	
12. Totally & Permanently Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	(Number) $		$	
13. Solar/Windpower Exemption RSA 72:62 & 72:66	(Number 5) $		$ 12,580	
14. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23	(Number) $		$	
15. Water/Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	(Number) $		$	
16. Wood Heating Energy System Exemption	(Number) $		$	
17. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Items 9 to 16)			$ 232,580	
18. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED (Item 8 minus 17)			$ 328,855,288	

1997 UTILITY SUMMARY

	LAND VALUE	BUILDING VALUE
Canal Electric	0	10,000
Connecticut L&P	0	6,700
E.U.A. Power	0	11,350
Hudson (Town of)	0	50
Mass. Municipal	0	40,800
Montaup	0	8,150
N.E. Power	0	15,500
N.H. Electric Coop	0	4,800
PSNH	$138,200	2,511,800
Taunton Municipal	0	100
United Illuminating	0	26,450
Vermont Electric Gen	0	400
SUB TOTAL	**$138,200**	**$2,636,100**
Continental Cablevision		575,804
New England Telephone		1,950,844
TOTAL	**$138,200**	**$5,162,748**
GRAND TOTAL		**$5,300,948**

ATTACHMENT

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
Concord, N.H. 03302-1122
1997 Tax Rate Calculation

Town/City of: RYE

				Tax Rates
Appropriations	5,245,943			
Less: Revenues	3,328,289			
Less: Shared Revenues	19,174			
Add: Overlay	220,042			
War Service Credits	61,300			
Net Town Appropriation		2,179,822		
Special Adjustment		0		
Approved Town/City Tax Effort			2,179,822	
Municipal Tax Rate				4.09
-- School Portion --				
Due to Local School	5,260,893			
Due to Regional School	0			
Less: Shared Revenues	62,849			
Net School Appropriation		5,198,044		
Special Adjustment		0		
Approved School(s) Tax Effort			5,198,044	
School(s) Tax Rate				9.75
-- County Portion --				
Due to County	901,816			
Less: Shared Revenues	6,747			
Net County Appropriation		895,069		
Special Adjustment		0		
Approved County Tax Effort			895,069	
County Tax Rate				1.68
Combined Tax Rate				15.52
Total Property Taxes Assessed			8,272,935	
Less: War Service Credits			(61,300)	
Add: Village District Commitment(s)			522,577	
Total Property Tax Commitment			8,734,212	

-- Proof of Rate --

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
533,049,936	15.52	8,272,935

Andrea M. Reid
10/16/97

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF BIRTHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

DATE	PLACE	NAME OF CHILD	NAMES OF PARENTS
January 5	Portsmouth	Marissa Anne Neiman	Paul M. Neiman and Lucy-Anne Johnson
January 16	Portsmouth	Erin Mary McKenna	Patrick J. McKenna and Karen McCabe
February 1	Portsmouth	Gabrielle Elliott Leavitt	Jeffrey C. Leavitt and Elaine L. Elliott
March 1	Portsmouth	Alexandra Rose Lincoln	Robert J. Lincoln and Brit E. Snodgrass
March 6	Portsmouth	Ashleigh Jane Laporta	Jeffrey P. Laporta and Linda L. Tourtellot
March 19	Portsmouth	Andrew Patrick Morrissey	Jonathan Morrissey and Andrea Fournier
March 27	Portsmouth	Lauren Hope Dodds	Gary B. Dodds and Cynthia J. Little
April 16	Portsmouth	David Christopher Muse	Scott A. Muse and Katherine A. Cardin
April 20	Portsmouth	Mark David Balboni	Jeffrey M. Balboni and Margaret A. Bizzarro
April 20	Portsmouth	Sophia Rae Meserve	David D. Meserve and Barbara M. Howard
April 22	Portsmouth	Coleman Walter McIntire	Lyle R. McIntire and Kimberly E. Lodge
April 25	Portsmouth	Victoria Peyton Prend	David J. Prend and Ashley E. Davis
June 4	Exeter	Hobart Truman Smith	Samuel H. Smith and Janet A. Allen
July 2	Portsmouth	Bradford Alden Fessenden	Michael C. Fessenden and Mary G. Adams
July 9	Exeter	Rachel Isabella Nunez	Philip R. Nunez and Victoria J. Bourque
July 11	Portsmouth	Renet Monique Button	Jeffrey T. Button and Cindy A. Fitzgerald
July 24	Portsmouth	Evan Scott Gurecki	Richard Gurecki and Anne M. Sweeney
August 1	Exeter	Olivia West Hoag	Christopher B. Hoag and Rebecca L. West
August 3	Portsmouth	Jazzmin Elizabeth Penaskovic	John B. Penaskovic and Diane M. Dewyngaert
August 7	Portsmouth	Laura Ann Carroll	Jeffrey J. Carroll and April F. Jones
September 3	Exeter	Emily Elizabeth Fecteau	James R. Fecteau and Rose M. Cotronea
September 8	Portsmouth	Sarah Maura Martin Ghninou	Mounsif Ghninou and Christine M. Martin
September 16	Portsmouth	Annie Winslow Sedoric	Thomas J. Sedoric and Barbara B. Bates
September 16	Portsmouth	Samuel Banks Sweet	David G. Sweet and Elizabeth D. Conner
October 3	Portsmouth	Colby Lewis Stevenson	Robert W. Stevenson and Carol J. Elwell
November 12	Portsmouth	Spencer Goodrich Schwartz	Carl A. Schwartz and Cynthia W. Semple
November 24	Portsmouth	Madeline Savannah Bachmann	Urs Bachmann and Kathleen A. McDonald
November 24	Exeter	Xavier Stephen Kennedy	Stephen R. Kennedy and Gina M. Geremia
December 3	Portsmouth	Sarah Louise Vogt	Marc C. Vogt and Suzanne L. Krupp
December 13	Portsmouth	Cal Stewart Govoni	Matthew S. Govoni and Elizabeth Godfrey
December 17	Portsmouth	Shanley Dawn King	Stephen J. King and Marci D. Walters

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF MARRIAGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

DATE	GROOM'S NAME AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE
January 4	Kevin J. Sperl, Rye, NH	Marie L. Forrest, Rye, NH
January 5	David James O'Leary, Rye, NH	Carol Ann Youschak, Rye, NH
March 1	Kenneth Roy Watson, Saco, ME	Theresa Lynn Scott, Saco, ME
April 18	Mark Paul Dubois, Rye, NH	Sarah Anne Parent, Manchester, NH
April 19	Robert Gerard Deblois, Rye, NH	Darlene Ann McKeon, Rye, NH
April 20	Peter Jerome Rosamilia, Lanesville, MA	Anne Mary Jones, Lanesville, MA
May 16	John Clark Bernardin, Arlington, MA	Gail Ann Collins, Arlington, MA
May 16	Mark Edward Gori, Portsmouth, NH	Linda Ann Hegarty, Rye, NH
May 17	Neil Vincent Cucuzzella, Ellicott City, MD	Lori Ann Winter, San Diego, CA
May 24	Matthew Samuel Fitzpatrick, Lowell, MA	Elaine Janet Burba, Salem, MA
May 24	Steven Gene Pellicci, Kittery, ME	Hillary Webb Smith, Kittery, ME
May 24	Christopher Anthony Tavares, Rye, NH	Nicol Leah Casey, Rye, NH
May 25	Jonathan Miles Mansbach, Newton, MA	Rachel White, Newton, MA
June 6	Chris Todd Goodman, Rye, NH	Gricel Smith, Rye, NH
June 21	John Herman Conrad, Redondo Beach, CA	Kathryn Ann Thornton, Redondo Beach, CA
June 21	Erik Kenneth Landall, Duxbury, MA	Diane Marie Peaslee, Duxbury, MA
June 21	Shawn Michael Shambo, Rye, NH	Amy Elizabeth Walenta, Rye, NH
June 21	David Herbert Walker, Rye, NH	Kathleen Mary McNabb, Rye, NH
June 24	Joseph Randall Coppola, Rye, NH	Karyn Louise Bourque, Bradford, MA
June 28	John Michael Bishop, College Park, MD	Jennifer Ann Burns, Rye, NH
June 28	Robert Paul Deguio, Rye, NH	Angela Christy Stevens, Rye, NH
June 28	Bradford John Rodgers, Rye, NH	Jennifer Claire Olson, Rye, NH
July 6	Jerry Sanchez, Jr., Tampa, FL	Susan W. Perry, Tampa, FL
July 11	Edward James O'Connell, Rye, NH	Kathleen Ann Hileman, Rye, NH
July 12	Michael Leonard Bernard, Rye, NH	Erin Kathleen Elwood, Portsmouth, NH
July 12	Roger Paul Mellen, Washington, DC	Carol Marie Strickland, Washington, DC
July 18	Keith John Frye, Hampton, NH	Sharon Jeanne Baker, Rye, NH
July 19	William Godfrey Savage, Coupeville, WA	Lori Ann Blanchard, Oak Harbor, WA
July 20	Chester D. Rondeau, Jr., Leominster, MA	Holly L. Ledue, Leominster, MA
July 26	James Dennis Breen, Jr., West Roxbury, MA	Christina Elizabeth Doykos, Andover, MA
August 2	Stacy Lee Knight, N. Waterboro, ME	Heather Ann Ramsay, N. Waterboro, ME
August 9	John Hamilton Karkutt, Leominster, MA	Gail Bernice Piro, Fitchburg, MA
August 9	Derek Frank Smid, Burlington, MA	Amy Kathryn Bullock, Beverly, MA
August 16	Wade Elliott Graham, Saugus, MA	Kathleen Ann Burke, Rye, NH
August 18	James Martin Schmitz, Rye, NH	Diane Marie Melancon, Rye, NH
August 23	Keith Charles Lincoln, East Haven, CT	Rebecca Sue Whiteman, East Haven, CT
August 23	Paul Engram Williamson, Rye, NH	Diane Marie Ferrelli, Rye, NH
August 24	Kevin Foster Maley, Medford Lakes, NJ	Katherine Lucille Daly, Marmora, NJ
August 24	Benjamin Francis Smith, Takoma Park, MD	Christina Catherine Pallitto, Takoma Pk, MD
August 30	Fabio Cataldi, Rye, NH	Heather Ann Zoffoli, Rye, NH
August 31	Steven Michael Malloy, Cranston, RI	Elizabeth Frances Kearns, Cranston, RI
September 6	Patrick John Houghton, Rye, NH	Mary Jo Conforti, Rye, NH
September 6	Peter Radford Theis, Greenwich, CT	Alexis Avghy Egan, Greenwich, CT
September 13	James Edward Pasqualoni, III, Portsmouth, NH	Laura Marie Theobald, Rye, NH
September 20	Erik Klavenaes Browning, Cincinnati, OH	Rosemary Lee Mahoney, Cincinnati, OH
September 20	Daniel Jean Desjardins, Rye, NH	Noha Jermani, Lawrence, MA
September 20	Craig Lamont Etter, Somersworth, NH	Christine Michelle Michaels, Somersworth,NH
September 21	Patrick Michael Larkin, Mendon, MA	Shauna Belavitch, Rye, NH
September 27	Mark William Anderson, Wakefield, RI	Diana Lynn Stram, Rye, NH
September 27	Robert John Lincoln, III, Rye, NH	Britt Elaine Snodgrass, Rye, NH
September 27	William Patrick Scannell, Lowell, MA	Lisa Elaine Richards, Lowell, MA
October 4	Richard Michael Bonyman, Jr., Rye, NH	Kristie Ellen Rock, Rye, NH
October 11	James Irvin Moore, Rye, NH	Carol Elaine Moore, Rye, NH
October 11	James Paul Nadeau, III, Rye, NH	Karen Elizabeth Ritchie, Rye, NH
October 15	George Herbert Eldridge, Pocasset, MA	Barbara Roche, Pocasset, MA
October 22	Richard Anthony Nicolazzo, Rye, NH	Kathleen Jane Rowland, Rye, NH
October 25	Timothy Alan Foss, Rye, NH	Holly Anne Poster, Rye, NH
October 25	Keith John Larmie, Union, NH	Samantha Jean Meiklejohn, Rochester, NH
November 22	Richard Arthur Dahl, Redondo Beach, CA	Jennifer Sue Sargent, Atlanta, GA
November 23	Gregory Tabbutt Ward, Rye, NH	Judith Ann Braley, Rye, NH
December 21	John R. Ludvigsen, Rye, NH	Susanne L. Alessi, Rye, NH
December 24	Eugene C. Gulotta, III, Rye, NH	Gail Marie McGovern, Rye, NH

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF DEATHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

DATE	PLACE	NAME OF DECEASED	NAMES OF PARENTS
January 10	Portsmouth	Charles Edgar Rand, Sr.	Edgar J. Rand and Clinta Knowles
January 10	Rye	Irvin Locke Watson	John I. Watson and Abbie Bell
January 16	Rye	Forrest Floyd Littlefield	Eugene Littlefield and Bertha Lorendeau
January 17	Portsmouth	Christos Kamakas	Constantine Kamakas and Aphrodite (unknown)
January 18	Portsmouth	Catherine Ann Smith	Robert M. Beck and Catherine Grant
January 19	Rye	Lucille F. Hoyt	Honore Fournier and Stephanie Vincent
January 24	Rye	Elizabeth Marguerite Cookson	Omer Berube and Lumina Trudel
January 30	Portsmouth	Martin Joseph O'Neill	Martin O'Neill and (unknown)
February 10	Rye	Emily Thorndike White	Herbert A. White and Mildred Prescott
February 17	Rye	Kathryn G. Ashworth	Dominic Gaffney and Mary Skelly
February 20	Portsmouth	Leonard Joseph Katlen	John Katlen and Julia Solecki
February 22	Portsmouth	Anne G. Anderson	Michael Gerek and Anne (unknown)
February 26	Portsmouth	Arkady Kramar	Oleg Kramar and Tatiania Darahn
March 9	Portsmouth	Stephen Cornell Miller	Stephen J. Miller and Gladys Given
March 15	Rye	Florence Beatrice Clark	Otis Read and Minnie MacGillivray
March 18	Portsmouth	Mary Elizabeth Ritzo	James P. Griffin and Julia M. Long
March 20	Rye	Irene H. Latti	John Herzog and Rose Gans
April 11	Portsmouth	Howard Preston Curtis	Harry Curtis and Nellie Goodale
April 12	Rye	Richard Walsh Johnson	Daniel J. Johnson and Sarah E. Walsh
April 13	Rye	Olive Higdon Wright	Frank Higdon and Evaline Rowan
April 20	Rye	Janet Irene Attridge	Gerry Attridge and Rebecca Safford
April 20	Portsmouth	Doris Louise Hathaway	Walter R. Brown and Doris L. Everett
April 20	Portsmouth	Christine Kamakas	Steven Harritos and Lefkey Belogianes
April 29	Exeter	Carolyn W. MacCormack	Herbert Wood and Agnes Staples
May 1	Portsmouth	Norman Murray Singer	Benjamin Singer and Mary Shafran
May 21	Rye	Donald Leslie Hickmott	(unknown) and Florence Hickmott
May 29	Rye	Marie Veronica Picciano	Paul Biss and Elizabeth Szabo
May 30	Exeter	Stephen Hambleton Majors	Andrew L. Majors and Mary H. Simon
May 31	Portsmouth	Mildred Trueman	Willis Mills and Madeline Clarke
June 11	Rye	Edna Helena Day	Arthur H. Lord and N. Helena Brownlow
July 12	Portsmouth	Sylvia B. Sturm	Frank A. Bosh and Maria Caba
July 28	Rye	Marilla Sanborn Laughlin	Carlton J. Edgerly and Lillian T. Sanborn
August 6	Rye	Doris Poole Boucher	Welcome E. Maxam and Ida M. Poole
August 28	Portsmouth	Warren Elmer Dearden	Warren Dearden and Lillian Westwell
September 6	Portsmouth	Marcia Reed McWilliams	J. Alex McWilliams and Alice B. Reed
September 7	Rye	Mildred Delores Ward	Michael Crane and Catherine L. McDermott
September 13	Rye	Alice Elizabeth O'Brien	William J. Barry and Catherine E. Donahue
September 14	Rye	Stephanie Martha Thomas	Joseph J. Thomas and Helen Dackiewicz
September 15	Manchester	Eleanor Winifred Ouellette	William J. Bradley and Cora Reed
September 27	Portsmouth	Joann Brown	William R. Brown and Ena M. Erhart
October 3	Rye	Annie Dexter Anderson	Warren Dexter and Belle Cory
October 5	Rye	Alice Blanchette	Joseph Marquis and Roseanna Blais
October 5	Rye	Gerald Dickson Foss	Herbert H. Foss and Berenice Dixon
October 9	Portsmouth	Jane Ann Conway	Arthur J. Tordoff and Ann MacFate
October 10	Portsmouth	Charles Witham McElroy	George W. McElroy and Fannie Witham
October 12	Rye	Florine M. Kinkaid	James Rinalducci and Michelina Carfagno
October 12	Rye	Patricia Phelps Wilder	Ira Phelps and Georgene O. Sexaur
October 21	Rye	Lorraine S. Stanley	Chesley Fall and Edris Pond
November 11	Lebanon	Natalie Child Howard	John R. Child and Jennie Kimball
December 1	Rye	Louise Elizabeth Crane	Alfred Dumont and Evangeline Laplante
December 4	Portsmouth	Roberta Kelly Jennings	Edward Kelly and Rachel B. Moody
December 9	Portsmouth	Clara Louise Moore	John F. Kootman and Louise Hermes
December 21	Exeter	Benjamin Franklin Conway	Benjamin F. Conway and Ann J. Seddon
December 27	Rye	Charles Robinson	William Robinson and Clara Glass
December 31	Rye	Charles Brickett Bailey	Harold L. Bailey and Alice Bartlett

Fire Department - Non Emergency.....964-6411
Fire Department's Office Fax.....964-9894
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Police Department's Office Fax.....964-7458
Be sure to give your name and address as well as the nature of your emergency clearly. **DO NOT HANG UP** until you are sure that your message has been understood.

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Selectmen's Office.....964-5523/5630
Selectmen's Office Fax.....964-1516
Sewer Commissioner's Office.....964-6815
Treasurer.....964-6777
Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office.....964-8562
Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office Fax.....964-4132
Cemetery Superintendent.....964-6777
Building Inspector's Office.....964-9800
Planning Board Office.....964-8426
Recreation Department.....964-6281
Public Works Department.....964-5300
Dump (Recycle or Brush).....964-5300
Library.....964-8401
Library Fax.....964-7065

HOURS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Selectmen's Office (Mon-Fri).....8:00 AM-4:30 PM
Sewer Commissioner's Office (Mon-Fri).....8:00 AM-11:00AM*
Treasurer (Tue & Thr).....2:00 PM-4:30 PM*
Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office (Mon-Fri).8:00 AM-4:30 PM
(Monday Evenings).....6:00 AM-8:00 PM
Building Inspector's Office (Mon-Thr).....8:00 AM-4:30 PM
Building Inspector's Office .....**CLOSED ON FRIDAYS**
(Please call the Building Inspector's Office for an appointment Monday through Thursday.)
Public Works Director (Mon-Fri).....6:30 AM-3:00 PM
Recycle Dump & Brush Dump..... **CLOSED ON MONDAYS**
Recycle Dump (Tue-Sat).....7:30 AM-3:45 PM
Brush Dump (**OPENED ON TUE AND SAT ONLY**).....7:30 AM-3:45 PM
SWAP SHOP (Tue-Sat).....7:30 AM-3:45 PM
Library (Mon, Wed, Fri).....9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Library (Tue & Thr).....1:00 PM-8:00 PM
Library (Sat).....9:00 AM-3:00 PM

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